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Ople confirms Swiss gov't probing Perez

**By Gerald G. Lacuarta
Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
and Cynthia D. Balana**

FOREIGN Secretary Blas Ople confirmed yesterday an INQUIRER report that the Swiss government had requested the Department of Foreign Affairs for information on former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez

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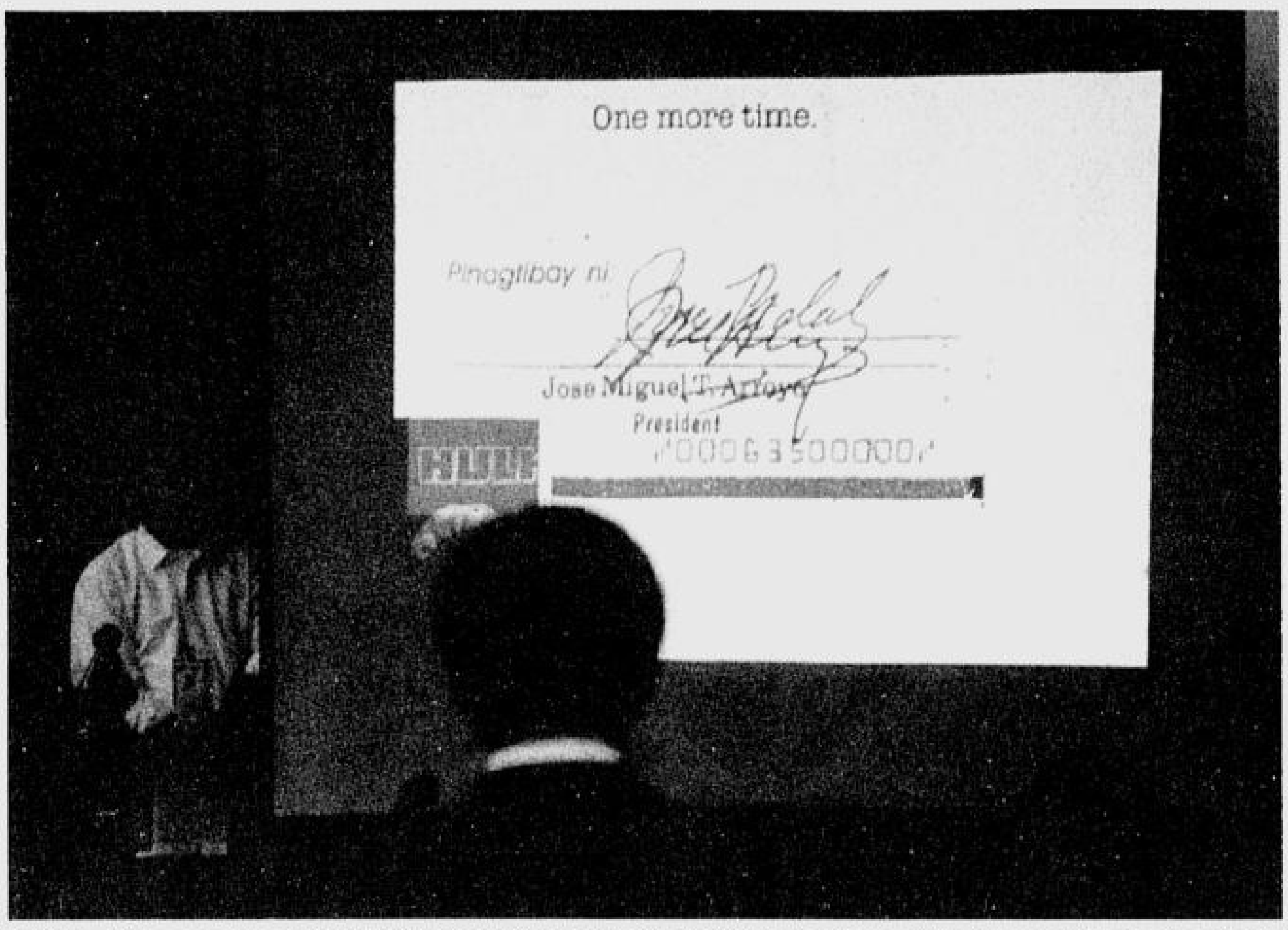

PHOTO furnished by the office of Senator Lacson shows Mike Arroyo with his secretary cum accountant Victoria Toh.

SEN. Panfilo Lacson gives a PowerPoint presentation of the "sins" of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo at the Senate. At right, the LTA building on Perea Street, Makati City, owned by the First Family.

JESS YUSON

President's husband said to be Jose Pidal

By Christine O. Avendaño

JOSE Velarde is to deposed President Joseph Estrada as Jose Pidal is to First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo.

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson yesterday accused the husband of President Macapagal-Arroyo of amassing more than P200 million from campaign contributions to Ms Macapagal and putting the money in secret bank accounts, including that of "Jose Pidal."

As of July 30 this year, the Jose Pidal account contained P36.6 million, Lacson said in a privileged speech titled "The Incredible Hulk Chapter One."

Three other people, all close to the First Gentleman, including his personal secretary, are involved in laundering money, according to Lacson.

Lacson, who has confirmed he will run for president in 2004, noted that Arroyo's signature bore strong resemblance to the signature of Jose Pidal. It was the same tack used by prosecutors in the impeachment trial of Estrada in accusing him of amassing billions of pesos while in office.

The prosecutors had said Estrada's signature was similar to the signature of Jose Velarde, whose secret bank account with Equitable PCI Bank held P3.2 billion in deposits, because he was Jose Velarde.

Lacson said his investigation showed that of the P321 million in contributions to Arroyo and Ms Macapagal, only P50.2 million was spent as officially reported by Arroyo to the Commission on Elections.

"So what happened to the P270.8 million? Where did it go?" Lacson asked, as he said that there were three ways to "park" this money—"inside a six-foot vault, use a foundation, open a secret bank account."

PING/ A6

Pure lies, says Mike; GMA open to lifestyle check

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THE ALLEGATIONS of Sen. Panfilo Lacson were glaring for their lack of complainants, victims, public funds misused and public officials involved, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo said yesterday.

"Where is the graft and corruption?" Arroyo said in a statement issued in Filipino by his spokesperson Patricia A.O. Bunye, daughter of presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband dismissed the charges as pure lies.

Before Lacson delivered his privileged speech, the President said she and her family had lived a clean, simple life but were willing to undergo anti-corruption checks that she had ordered for generals and bureaucrats to battle graft.

Ms Macapagal has renewed a campaign against graft—an endemic and politically explosive problem that set off the ouster of her predecessor, Joseph Estrada, two years ago and a failed uprising on July 27 by renegade soldiers who complained of corruption in the military.

"The first family welcomes a lifestyle check," the President said.

"We have led a life of dignity and simplicity," she said, adding the trait "accords me the moral armor to act decisively on corruption and extravagance among public servants."

The First Gentleman said that for the past few days, Lacson had been threatening to come out with an exposé against him if the Senate released the committee

PURE/ A6

SIAMESE twins Rachel and Lea before and happily after the operation. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TZU CHI FOUNDATION

Taiwan doctors separate Kalinga Siamese twins

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

HUALIEN, Taiwan—Hours after they were surgically separated, Siamese twins Rachel Sunset and Lea Grace Lawel of Pasil, Kalinga, woke up with a teddy bear each, attached to where they were once conjoined.

The stuffed toys were fastened around their chests following the operation, after the nurses thought the twins would be looking for one another once they woke up from the seven-hour procedure last June 28.

The nurses were part of the 60-member medical team from the Tzu Chi Foundation Medical Center, located on Taiwan's east

TAIWAN/ A6

DTI warns public on Ninoy coin

By Michelle V. Remo
Business

THE "CHAMPION for Peace" commemorative gold coin in honor of opposition leader Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. could be part of a pyramid scam, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

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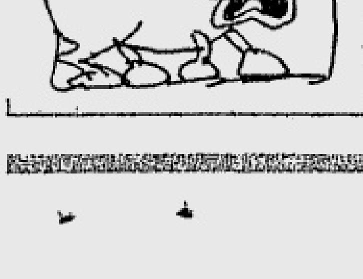
PATI BA NAMAN SI NINOY DINA-DAMAY SA SCAM?!

Convicted Ninoy killers find God in prison

SPECIAL REPORT

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

LIKE many other prison inmates, some of the convicts in the Aquino-Galman double murder have found solace in their Christian faith. *(See related story on Page A5.)*

Sgt. Rolando de Guzman, now called "Pastor" and one of the 15 convicts still alive (one died of cancer while in jail), plans to continue being a minister after he leaves prison. The Bible is his constant companion. He speaks of "*tatak*," the stamp of God, and quotes Ephesians 1:13: "You believed in Christ and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised."

Sgt. Ernesto Mateo, a Catholic, has himself become a Bible digger. At one point, he recalls, when their group wanted someone in their ranks to come out with what he knew about the Aug. 21, 1983 slaying of Marcos archrival Benigno Aquino and alleged assassin Rolando Galman, Mateo used Bible verses as tools of persuasion. "I pasted them even in the toilet, so he would tell the truth."

Mateo loves to quote 1 Thessalonians 4:13. "We believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again,

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OAKWOOD COUP

Court-martial starts vs 356 rebel soldiers

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE MILITARY has charged 356 rebel soldiers, including 90 officers, before the Judge Advocate General's Office for staging the July 27 mutiny.

Brig. Gen. Mariano Sarmiento, Judge Advocate General, said the mutineers were charged last Friday after a military task force headed by Inspector General Lt. Gen. Librado Ladia found probable cause for a court-martial.

But the alleged civilian mastermind behind the military rebellion, Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, failed to show up yesterday at the start of the Department of Justice's preliminary investigation into the coup d'etat charges against him and other accused. The DOJ gave the accused until Aug. 27 to file and subscribe to their counter-affidavits.

In a statement released by Malacañang, the President noted

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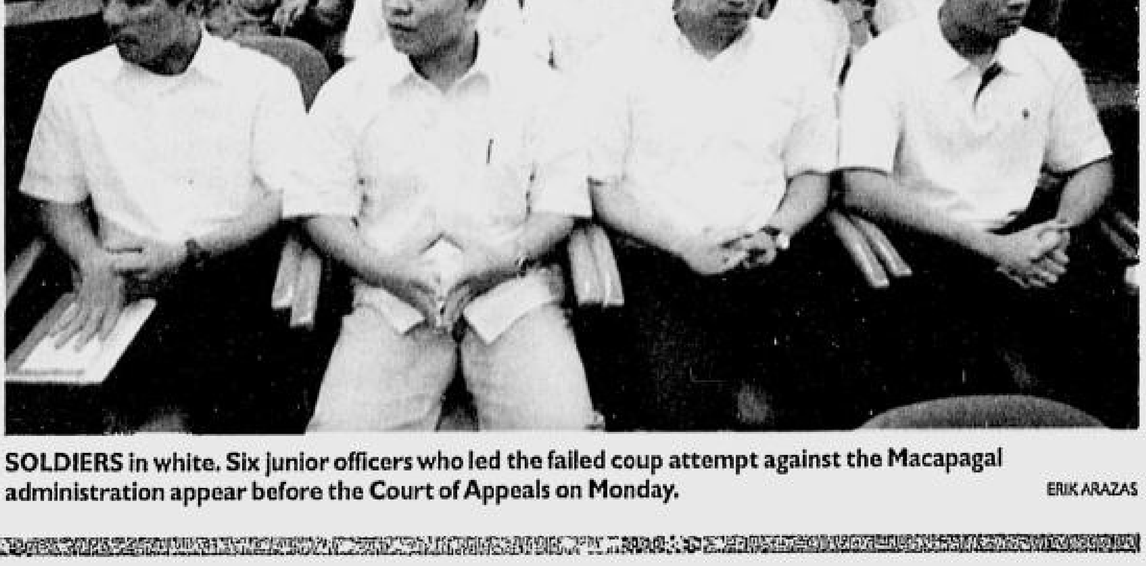

SOLDIERS in white. Six junior officers who led the failed coup attempt against the Macapagal administration appear before the Court of Appeals on Monday.

ERIK ARAZAS

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will have rains with occasional gusty winds. Western sections of Luzon and Visayas will experience occasional monsoon rains. Rest of the country will be cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Monsoon Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Monsoon Rains
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Calapan	Monsoon Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Cops admit watching media

By Christian V. Esguerra and TJ Burgonio

MEMBERS of the media believed to be in contact with "enemies of the state" are under surveillance, the Philippine National Police revealed.

Refusing to name names, however, PNP chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. yesterday said the subjects of the police surveillance "know who they are."

"Ask yourselves," he told reporters in an ambush interview, "are you in contact with New People's Army rebels? Do you give them information?"

"Now, if you think you have not done anything wrong," he said, "then there is no need for you to worry. You know who among you have violations."

Ebdane said the police had been monitoring the movements of certain media personalities even before a TV reporter was berated recently by President Macapagal-Arroyo for "abetting rebellion" when she interviewed wanted suspected coup mastermind Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan.

GMA 7's Tina Panganiban-Perez is reportedly being investigated for meeting with Honasan and his aides two weeks after the failed putsch.

She got an exclusive interview out of the meeting with the soldier-turned-senator who has remained "inaccessible" to the authorities since the coup attempt on July 27.

In the past, Ebdane said, media personalities were investigated for their supposed connections with rebel organizations.

The PNP chief noted that some of the reporters did not just do interviews but also acted as "contacts" to the rebels, providing information to the "other side."

"As far as we are concerned, we do our job in pursuance of our mandate to safeguard national security and prevent any hostile activity that may [be] brought about by your information," he told reporters.

Ebdane clarified, however, that the police were not out to curtail press freedom.

Media persons, he said, were free to interview even those perceived to be against the government provided the reports did not jeopardize national security.

The military, for its part, yesterday assured journalists it was not monitoring their moves following the failed July 27 mutiny staged by over 300 disgruntled military officers and enlisted personnel.

Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, AFP vice chief of staff, maintained there was no "deliberate effort" by the military to conduct surveillance of journalists.

"I would say there is no such effort on the part of the armed forces. That is the least of our priorities," he said at a press briefing.

Garcia admitted the military often received intelligence information about some journalists, "but it doesn't mean there is a deliberate effort to shadow members of the media."

Besides, he pointed out, the military recognizes the job journalists have to do, which sometimes entails interviewing perceived enemies of the state.

"The media has a job to do, to enlighten the public on a number of issues. You do public service; we recognize that," Garcia said, adding: "Media must be free to do what it has to do and, of course, you know the limits of what you can do based on ... guidelines and a code of ethics."

Quoting presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye, Garcia said there was no gag order on the media.

Garcia was reacting to reports GMA 7's Perez had been ordered investigated by President Macapagal in the wake of her exclusive interview with Honasan.

Perez interviewed Honasan on Aug. 12, the day after the state of rebellion that was declared as a result of the mutiny was lifted. But Perez was reported to have met with Honasan's staff days before.

Garcia said he saw nothing wrong with Perez's meeting with Honasan's staff before the interview.

"I could surmise knowing a little about how media operates that things do not just develop overnight. They have to be worked out. Coordination would have to be made and, especially in the case of Senator Honasan, it takes time before you are able to connect," he said.

Garcia said any reporter who may be found with Honasan when the latter is arrested will not be charged.

"It would perhaps be a mitigating circumstance; you are performing your work," he said. Detaining media persons caught with Honasan would be "extending [things] a bit too far."

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STILL FOR GRINGO
Members of the Rebulosyunaryong Alyansang Makabansa (RAM) rally at the Department of Justice yesterday in support of their former leader, Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, who is being tagged as a coup plotter once more, as in 1989.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

Palace to set coverage guidelines

MALACAÑANG will soon come out with guidelines in the media coverage of events with national security implications amid mounting criticism over a perceived Palace move to crack down on the media.

The presidential spokesperson said yesterday the Palace just wants media to be "circumspect" and to have "better coordination" with Malacañang in reporting about people or events with "national security" implications.

The proposed "guidelines" would be discussed in a dinner the President will host for members of the Malacañang Press Corps today, according to presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye.

The proposal, however, immediately drew flak from the MPC, composed of some 60 newspaper, television and radio reporters covering the President. The MPC will present a manifesto to the President during dinner.

The dinner invitation came after the incident in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro last Friday where the President berated GMA 7 reporter Tina Panganiban-Perez for "abetting rebellion" when she interviewed suspected coup leader Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan.

Bunye insisted the issue had been "settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned" after the President proceeded on Saturday to GMA 7 to "explain" her outburst to the station management.

Asked if media had to "clear" reports with Malacañang before publishing or airing them, Bunye said: "I think this is something we could thresh out in detail during the meeting (today)."

Another broadcast journalist who had a brush with the President's infamous temper for airing stories that piqued her was Arnold Clavio, host of several programs on GMA 7's TV and radio stations.

Clavio said several people close to the President had called him in reaction to stories that had been perceived by Malacañang as being negative to the President.

Yesterday, Sen. Gringo Honasan said the government was out to silence the opposition and even the free press, with its recent actions against him, including its move to investigate Panganiban-Perez for interviewing him. *Juliet L. Javellana with Tony Bergonia, Michael Ubac, Cynthia D. Balana, Christine Avendaño*

GMA suspends military projects ahead of probe

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered the suspension of all military infrastructure projects to pave the way for an investigation by the anti-corruption task force she created last week.

The President, in an order issued to Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, said all infrastructure projects of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, except schools and barangay roads she had previously approved, should be put on hold pending review by the task force on AFP procurement and disbursement.

The President announced the creation of the task force last Tuesday as part of the "deep reforms" and anti-corruption drive in the military organization, following the mutiny staged by junior military officers who decried the corruption in the AFP.

Ms Macapagal appointed Defense Undersecretary Constancia de Guzman to head the task force which has been given one month to come up with recommendations on how to reform the AFP's procurement and disbursement process.

She gave the task force another month to execute the reforms.

The President ordered the cleansing in the military even as she stressed that her administration had been initiating reforms and addressing the needs of soldiers even before the Oct. 27 mutiny occurred.

"Rest assured we will investigate all reported anomalies in the defense and military establishment and elsewhere," the President said in a statement yesterday.

"The secretary of defense and the AFP chief of staff are committed to a relentless cleanup under the principles of discipline and due process," she said.

In another development, two Army colonels and a major who had reportedly acted as advisers to the more than 300 officers and soldiers who staged the uprising at the Oakwood hotel in Makati City have been relieved from their posts.

This was revealed by top military officials yesterday, even as they denied reports they had ordered the relief of four other Army unit commanders, including three generals, for their alleged failure to dissuade their men from joining the mutiny.

"The ones involved were the ones relieved," said Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, AFP vice chief of staff, referring to Colonels Herbert Avinante and Pompeo Limbo of Philippine Military Academy Class '78 and Maj. Demy Tejares of PMA Class '83.

Prior to his relief, Avinante was commandant of the Combat Arms School Training and Doctrine. He was also tagged as a participant in the 1989 failed coup against the Aquino administration, but was given amnesty in 1995.

Limbo was assigned to the Army's plans and programs unit while Tejares was detailed with the 10th Infantry Battalion, records showed.

The names and code-names of the three officers were supposedly contained in a roster of mutineers culled from diskettes recovered in rebel-occupied rooms at the Oakwood, officials said.

The three had allegedly "brainwashed the young officers on the need for drastic reforms through drastic action and the use of force, and sustained comments and criticisms of perceived follies of the AFP," the officials said.

At the same time, AFP chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya denied reports he had ordered the relief of Major Generals Trifonio Salazar and Cristolito Balaoing, Brig. Gen. Gabriel Ledesma and Col. Ricardo Brillante.

Salazar of the 1st Infantry Division, Balaoing (4th ID), Ledesma (2nd ID), and Brillante (Army Support Command) were reported to have been relieved for their failure to prevent their men from joining the mutiny.

"I have no such order and I do not know how this report came about. I categorically affirm that this news report is not true," Abaya said in a statement.

Garcia echoed Abaya, saying the reported relief of the three generals and one colonel "was not true."

He said, however, some unit commanders will be questioned over the participation of their men in the mutiny.

"Ongoing questioning is being held of the 222 members of the Magdalo Group on the list. It will involve commanders of these officers. The questioning is done by the commanders," Garcia said.

'Lakay' brings rains

EXTREME northern Luzon will experience rains with occasional gusty winds after typhoon signal No. 1 was raised over Batanes province. The weather bureau estimated tropical depression Lakay's position at 140 km southeast of Basco yesterday afternoon

Coastal waters in northern Luzon will be moderate to rough, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said yesterday.

As of 2 p.m. Monday, Lakay was bringing with it maximum sustained winds of 45 km per hour near the center and was moving west-northwest at 19 km per hour.

Moderate to occasionally strong winds blowing from the southwest will prevail over western Luzon and the Visayas. The coastal waters along these areas will be moderate to occasionally rough.

Metro Manila and Metro Cebu will both have occasional monsoon rains, moderate to occasionally strong winds from the southwest. Manila Bay and the coastal waters of Cebu will be moderate to occasionally rough.

Metro Davao will be cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms with light to moderate winds blowing from the southwest. Coastal waters will be slight to moderate, the weather bureau said. *Norman Bordadora*

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Al-Ghozi: Here, there and nowhere

COTABATO CITY—If bilocation were a crime, Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi would be in more trouble than he already is.

Former Philippine ambassador to Kuwait Alunan Glang yesterday alleged that the fugitive Indonesian bomber was now in the hands of the military and was being held somewhere between Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

Citing fresh information from Muslim leaders in the said provinces, Glang said military officials were trying to create a scenario in which they could accuse the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) of coddling Al-Ghozi.

With MILF

A Malacañang official, however, said yesterday, that the escaped terrorist was indeed in the custody of the Muslim separatists and was expected to be turned over to the government soon.

The official, who did not want to be named, said Al-Ghozi "escaped to an MILF area in Lanao del Norte" last week.

Yesterday, the military called off its hunt in Lanao del Norte but said operations were continuing in other areas because Al-Ghozi was still at large.

Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, Armed Forces vice chief of staff, said the terrorist was very likely hiding in the rebel-infested area of Kabuntalan, Maguindanao.

The Malacañang official was confident that the fugitive would turn up "in the next few days," saying "MILF leaders promised they [would] voluntarily surrender him."

Disarray

MILF leader Salamat Hashim's death contributed to the "disarray" in the group's leadership, which caused the delay in the turnover, the official explained.

He said the MILF was intent on returning Al-Ghozi "to prove specially to the United States that it's not a terrorist group."

Al-Ghozi's whereabouts and condition have been the subject of speculation and conflicting reports.

Up till yesterday, Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. kept an anxious public guessing. On one hand, he hinted that the Indonesian could now be in military custody. Yet he said MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu's earlier statement that Al-Ghozi had been recaptured was a lie.

Glang, the ex-envoy, suspected that the military was sowing the confusion to derail the scheduled peace talks. "[Muslim leaders] know who's holding Al-Ghozi. They just keep quiet, fearing for their safety," he said

Tactic

Alfatah Abubakar, commander of the erstwhile Moro National Liberation Front in Northern Mindanao, backed up Glang's observation, recalling that the military had used similar tactics during the MNLF's negotiations with the government in 1966.

Presidential adviser on the peace process Eduardo Ermita agreed that only a ground battle between the government and rebel troops in the hunt for Al-Ghozi would imperil the forthcoming negotiations in Kuala Lumpur.

"I hope a situation will not develop on the ground where there will be actual fighting," Ermita, who also heads the government negotiating panel, told reporters yesterday at the Asian Gathering of Muslim Ulamas and Christian Bishops at the Westin Philippine Plaza. *Rosa-May V. de Guzman and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Blanche S. Rivera, Juliet Labog-Javellana, Christian V. Esguerra, and TJ Burgonio*

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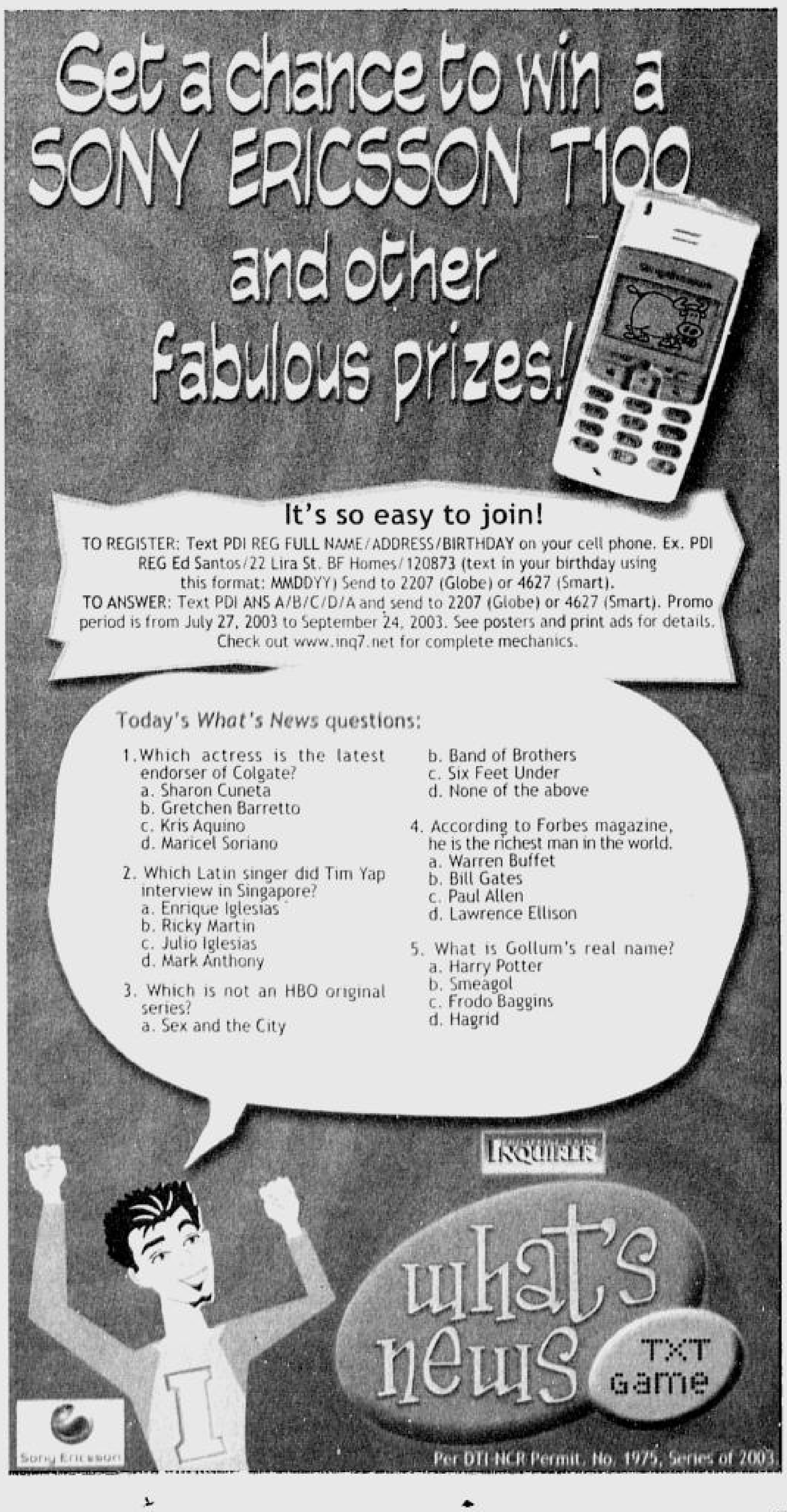

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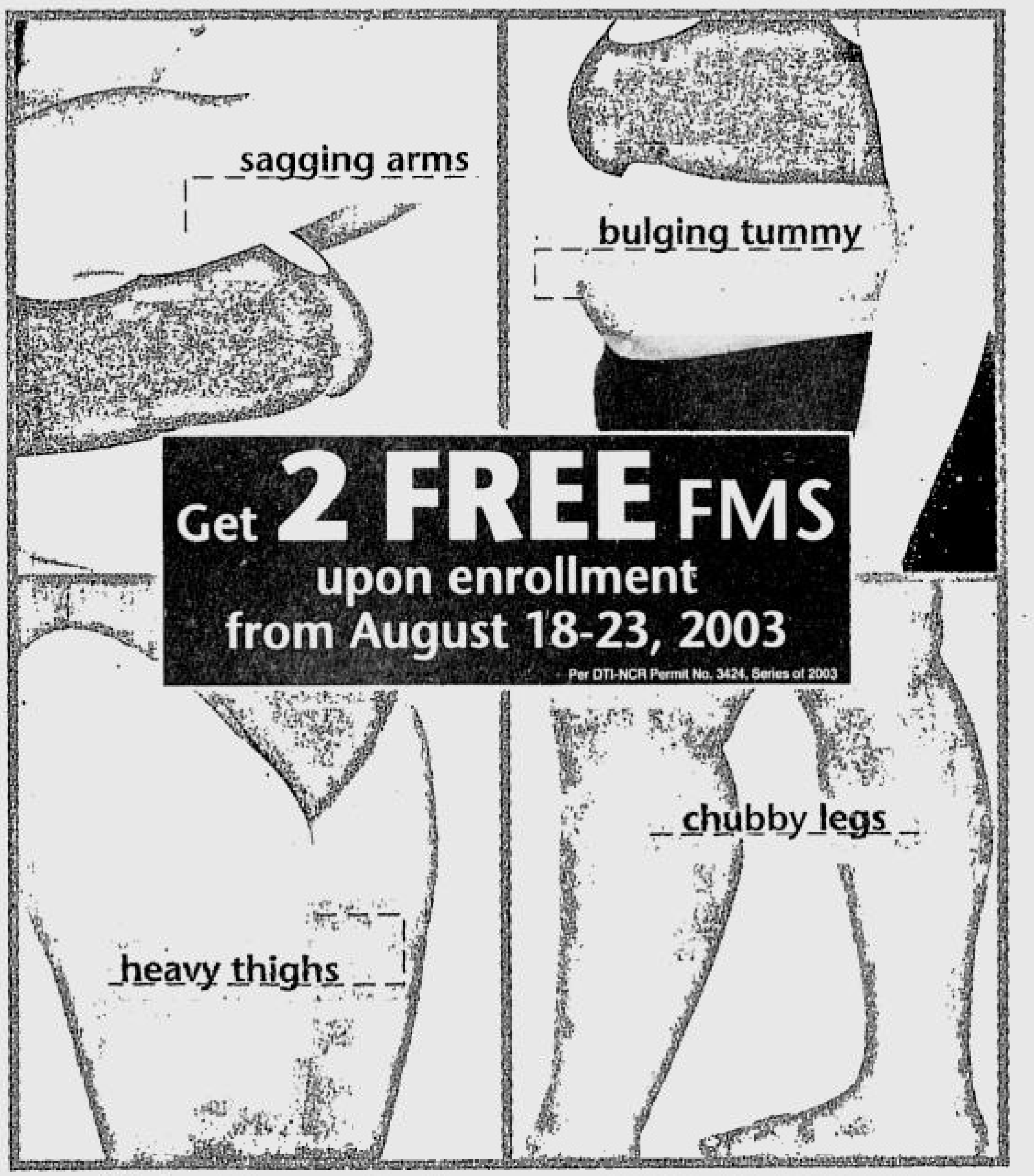

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There's no more Marcos money in Switzerland, envoy insists

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THERE'S no more Marcos money in Switzerland.

Lise Favre, Swiss ambassador to Manila, yesterday ruled out the possibility of finding other secret bank accounts under the name of the late dictator or his family 17 years after his ouster.

Outside of the $683 million recently released to the Philippine government, Favre said, the only Swiss bank asset that might be associated with Marcos was the $10-million frozen account of crony couples of the late President, Herminio and Paciencia Disini and Ignacio and Fe Roa Gimenez.

As for the reported $13.2-billion bank account of the dictator's youngest daughter, Irene Marcos-Araneta, the envoy insisted: "If it's there somewhere, it's not in Switzerland."

The Swiss justice ministry mentioned the $10 million earlier when it announced the transfer to the Philippine government of the Marcos money being held in a Philippine National Bank escrow account.

In a statement last Aug. 5, the ministry said: "The only matter still outstanding is the issue of assets worth $10 million in the names of those associated with the Marcos regime."

The Presidential Commission on Good Government is still waiting for a court ruling here that would forfeit the crony account in favor of the government.

Paciencia Escolin Disini is a first cousin of former First Lady Imelda Marcos, and Fe Roa Gimenez served the Marcoses as social secretary.

Favre warned that time was running out on the Philippine government's pursuit of the $10 million.

Last year, Swiss authorities lifted the freeze order on the bank accounts of other Marcos cronies. This released assets totaling about $30 million and reportedly belonging to Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez, Imelda's brother; Marcos' energy secretary Geronimo Velasco, Carmencito De Borja-Clavecilla and the Gimenez couple.

GMA to attend Islamic meet

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo will fly to Kuala Lumpur in mid-October to attend the opening session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) summit, her spokesperson said yesterday.

Ms Macapagal would become only the fourth head of state outside the 57-member Muslim block to attend an OIC summit, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye told reporters.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad extended the invitation to Ms Macapagal and "the President has accepted the invitation," Bunye said. The Philippines has applied for observer status in the OIC. *Gil C. Cabacungan with wire reports*

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Sef had tried to poison ma, says prosecutor

SYDNEY, Australia—Sef Gonzales tried to poison his mother one week before she, his father and sister were found slain in the family home, a prosecutor said Monday.

Prosecutor Mark Tedeschi said the 22-year-old Gonzales had bought a poisonous seed through the Internet and slipped it into his mother's food.

Loiva Gonzales was hospitalized on July 3, 2001, suffering from "fever, severe abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea," Tedeschi said at a hearing in Sydney's Central Local Court. A week later her stabbed body was found in the blood-smeared family home.

The hearing will determine whether there is enough evidence for Gonzales to be tried on three murder charges. He has pleaded innocent. If he stands trial and is convicted, he faces life imprisonment.

Gonzales is accused of stabbing his wealthy lawyer father Teddy, mother Loiva and 18-year-old sister Clodine in their Sydney home on July 10, 2001.

Gonzales was conducting his own defense Monday as his legal team awaited a New South Wales state Court of Appeals judgment—expected later in the day—on whether he could access his family's multi-million-dollar estate to pay them.

Gonzales called police to report his family's slayings and later made a tearful televised plea to the public for information to help detectives find his family's killer. He was arrested last June. *AP*

Japanese give RP P336M to clean up Pangasinan water

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

JAPAN has extended a P336-million grant to the Philippine government to help improve the quality of groundwater in the countryside.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Blas Ople and Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines Kojiro Takano recently signed the agreement for the grant, which would fund the second phase of Project for Improvement of Water Quality in Local Areas.

This will benefit around 113,000 residents in Pangasinan who are being served by the Binmaley, Lingayen and Pangasinan water districts, according to the Japanese Embassy in Manila.

Tests conducted earlier by Japanese experts showed that the water in the three districts had a high iron content and a bad taste and smell, which meant it was of poor quality.

An embassy statement said the situation "posed serious health concerns to the residents." The project, to be supervised by the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), will entail the construction of facilities for water intake, treatment and transmission, and the procurement of equipment for quality analysis and monitoring.

Water will be treated through aeration, coagulation, sedimentation and filtration, a process that is expected to produce 7,000 cubic meters of safe water per day.

Last year, the Japanese government extended a similar grant amounting to P360 million for water quality improvement in the water districts of Panitan and Pontevedra in Capiz, Dingle-Pototan in Iloilo, and Abuyog in Leyte.

Japan, through its Official Development Assistance, has now given the Philippines approximately P28 billion in the form of grants, loans and technical assistance for the construction or upgrading of water supply facilities.

Meanwhile, the United States Trade and Development Agency has approved a $446,909 grant to the Rural Electrification Financing Corporation of the Philippines. The grant is for the development of a rural cooperative financing facility.

REFC president Wilfred Billena and US Embassy Commercial Counselor David Fulton signed the agreement.

Ninoy murder convicts' debt unpaid, says Noynoy

By Carlito Pablo

"THEY'RE still part of a continuing crime committed 20 years ago."

Rep. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III (LP, Tarlac) yesterday had this to say of the 15 soldiers currently serving double-life sentences for the murder of his father, Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., and the man the officers claimed had killed him, Rolando Galman, on Aug. 21, 1983.

Aquino said that as far as his family was concerned, the convicts "haven't paid their debt to society."

"They're still maintaining the fiction that Galman was the assassin of my dad when, in fact, Galman was just a part of a larger conspiracy," Aquino said.

AQUINO

Misquoted?

He said the convicts had not demonstrated remorse because they insist on the correctness of the military version of the killing—that it was Galman who shot his father on the tarmac of the Manila International Airport.

"The least they can do is tell what they really know," Aquino said.

He said he hoped Dionisio Santiago, director of the Bureau of Corrections, was misquoted when he was reported to have said that the convicted soldiers were entitled to a commutation of their sentences.

Aquino said the "minimum" requirement demanded of a Bucor director like Santiago, a former chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, is for him "to know what is right from wrong."

Aquino pointed out that the Aquino assassination "brought the country to the edge of civil war" and there were still unanswered questions regarding the double murders after 20 years.

Citing the decision of a special Sandiganbayan division that convicted 16 officers and men, Aquino noted that the ruling had mentioned a deposition made by Constable First Class Rogelio Moreno, whom the Sandiganbayan pointed to as the trigger man.

Cites deposition

Moreno in the deposition had admitted to a Philippine Constabulary Criminal Investigation Service investigator that he had shot the former senator, Aquino said.

Moreno had reportedly told the CIS investigator that he couldn't do otherwise but follow the order.

The highest ranking officer convicted for the Aquino-Galman murders was the late Brig. Gen. Luther Custodio, then commander of the Aviation Security Command.

The young Aquino surmised the families of the 15 convicts were being supported by the people who were involved in the plot to assassinate his father.

"Maybe they (convicts) are afraid to talk because their families might lose their support," Aquino said.

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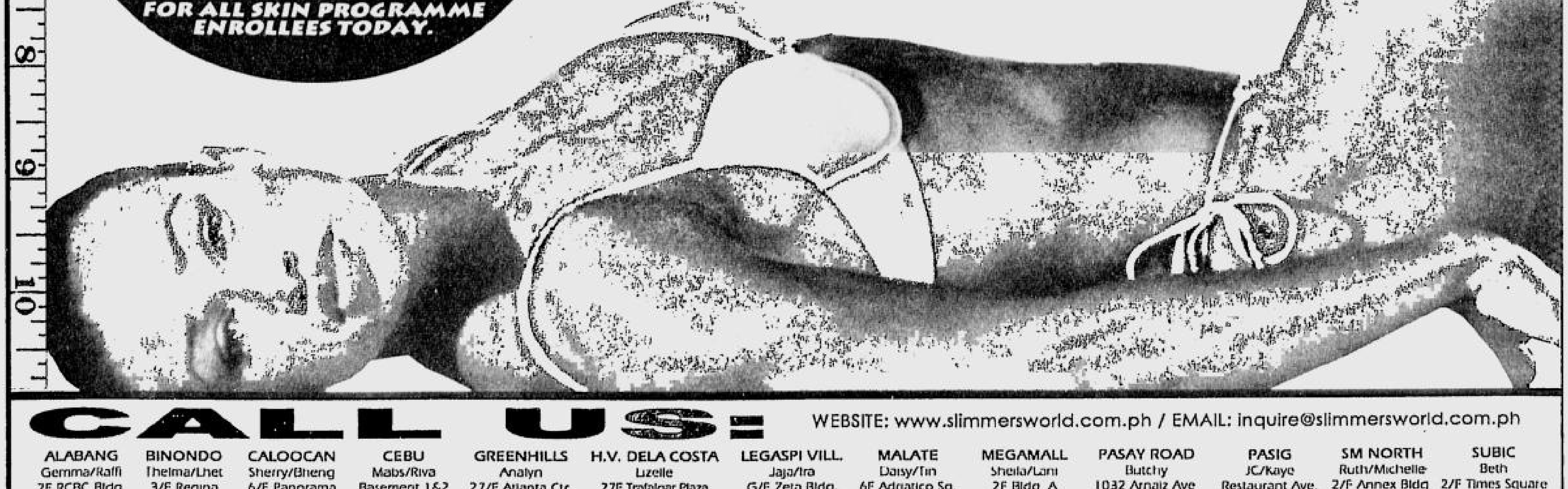

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Lacson's investigation took off from former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez' allegation that he had given Arroyo P8 million for the Lualhati Foundation, one of the foundations of Ms Macapagal.

Lacson said that of the P8 million, only two checks for P3 million ended up at the Union Bank Perea branch. The checks went to Account No. 000730012839 under the Lualhati Foundation with airport manager Edgar Manda as signatory.

The other check of Jimenez ended up in Union Bank-Perea deposit Account No. 0007300148326 under the name of Jose Pidal.

Tracking Pidal, the returned checks initially led Lacson to Morgan Stanley, one of the largest investment houses in the world.

"Curiously, both Mr. Jose Pidal and Mr. Jose Miguel T. Arroyo are valued clients. They share the same address, the 8th floor of LTA building. They also have the same financial advisor, Mr. Ronald Gin, associate vice president for Investments of San Francisco California," Lacson said.

Lacson called the LTA Building, Arroyo's office at No. 118 Perea Street in Legazpi Village, Makati, "a money machine where incredible deals are cooked and sinister schemes plotted." LTA stands for Lourdes Tuason Arroyo, mother of Ms Macapagal's husband.

Similar signatures

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Lacson showed to the audience Jose Pidal's returned check and compared it with a signature of Arroyo.

"Mr. Jose Pidal aka Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo better get a copy of the Anti-Money Laundering Act or, better still, get his lawyers now," Lacson said.

He also said Pidal had a bank account at the Bank of the Philippine Islands but did not say further what he found out.

Lacson then said three other people close to Arroyo were involved in laundering money, identifying them as Kelvin Tan, Victoria Toh and Thomas Toh, and all had big fat bank accounts.

Victoria Toh is Arroyo's personal secretary and accountant, and sister of Thomas, while Tan is her brother-in-law. The father of the Toh siblings owns and operates a small hardware on General Kalentong Street in Mandaluyong City.

"Victoria/Vicky Toh is really the 'Toh triad' of 8th floor LTA bldg," he said. "Who is Victoria/Vicky Toh? Why do millions of pesos pass through her?" Lacson asked.

Based on July 30, 2003 documents, Pidal has P36.6 million; Victoria Toh, P19.3 million; Thomas Toh, P7.5 million; Kelvin Tan, P21.1 million; and Lualhati Foundation, P48.2 million, according to Lacson.

"For their sake, I only hope they declared all these millions in their tax income returns. Otherwise, they can always hire "The Firm" of Jose Miguel Arroyo," Lacson said. The senator was referring to the Carpio, Villaraza & Cruz law office, a firm with close ties to the Macapagal and Arroyo families.

Lacson said his exposé was just "chapter one" of a story of a "true-to-life world of corruption, extortion, money laundering, character assassination and betrayal."

"Before Mr. Arroyo and the President decide to dismiss our charge as another plot to destabilize the administration, I wish to point out that the issues I raised today are precisely the very issues that our people have bewailed about our government," Lacson said.

"These are about the unabated corruption in the highest levels of government, not simply in the lower bureaucracy, nor in the military establishment but right in the heart of Malacañang, or at least in its "extension office"—the LTA Building located at 118 Perea Street, Legaspi Village in Makati City."

Ador Mawanay

Lacson said he was compelled to investigate Arroyo and his office in Makati after Angelo "Ador" Mawanay, one of the witnesses against him in the Senate inquiry into his alleged criminal activities, recanted his story. Mawanay, according to Lacson, had claimed that the First Gentleman was involved in the demolition job against him.

Lacson said he found out Mawanay's confession was true when he learned that a certain Victor Padilla, a lawyer who took care of Mawanay, was a "regular fixture in this building in Makati."

The senator said the other frequent callers of the First Gentleman were his accusers, former military intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus and Mary Ong or Rosebud.

Corpus and Ong had visited Arroyo before and after the killing of Superintendent John Campos on Dec. 5 last year, according to Lacson.

Lacson said he wondered what the trio had talked about before and after Campos was killed. But he said he had conducted an independent investigation of this matter. "We now have some vital evidence to identify Campos' murderers and masterminds."

Lacson also said that in the last week of July 2001, Corpus got a brown envelope from Arroyo containing a huge amount of dollars.

These "startling revelations" prompted Lacson to dig deeper, being a police officer for the past 30 years.

And what he found made him call Arroyo the "Incredible Hulk," and made him describe Arroyo's office in Makati as "the most powerful place in the country" after Malacañang.

"I have in my possession voluminous documents and written testimonies of witnesses that prove tons of money have been delivered and are being delivered, to a powerful man, I will now fondly call 'The Incredible Hulk,'" Lacson said.

Visitors

Among the government officials he said frequented Arroyo's office were:

- Ephraim Genuino, chair and president of Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., who visits the office regularly or sends his personal representative, Ryan Cordeta "to bring in big boxes or big bags."
- Edgar Manda, general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority , and chief incorporator of Lualhati Foundation.
- Jocelyn Joc-Joc Bolante, undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, who goes to the office alone or in the company of an Indian trader, Kishore Hemlani.
- Ernest Villareal, formerly the chair of the Public Estates Authority.
- Rey Nadal, "who uses Subic Bay Freeport as the headquarters of his massive import operation of new and slightly used vehicles.
- Virgilio Angelo, former general manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.
- Alfonso Cusi of the Philippine Ports Authority.
- Lawyer Teddy Cruz of the Light Rail Transit Authority.
- Ramon Tulfo, INQUIRER columnist, "certified extortionist masquerading as a columnist."
- Alex Magno, political analyst, *"dating kagalang-galang, sayang."*
- Marissa Bondoc, related to columnist Jarius Bondoc.
- Ronaldo Puno.
- Lawyer Vic Padilla, handler of Mawanay.
- Victor Corpus and Mary Ong.
- A newly appointed associate justice. He visited in the first week of May 2003 or after the high court reversed the Kuratong Baleleng case.
- Another associate justice who meets Arroyo on another floor of the same building.

"The LTA building is a place where criminal minds are given unlimited funds and access to government resources for illegal purposes, where manufactured evidence, concocted stories and blatant lies are orchestrated to demolish whom the Perea gods wish to destroy," Lacson said.

Keep money flowing

The mantra at LTA, he said is: "Keep the money flowing and you keep the Incredible Hulk, Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo, continuously calm, continuously collected … and his gang of operators, con artists and demolition machines continuously well-funded and fearless."

"Yes, the Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo I mentioned is indeed the partner in everything of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Rather in almost everything. One of the most profitable partnerships ever," Lacson said.

Seen at the Senate yesterday were members of the opposition like former Ambassador to the United States Ernesto Maceda, lawyer Rufus Rodriguez, Cavite Gov. Ayong Malicsi, among others.

Lacson urged the Senate to refer his privileged speech to the committee on public accountability of public officers chaired by Sen. Joker Arroyo.

He also wanted his accusations investigated by the Senate committee on constitutional amendments chaired by Sen. Edgardo Angara and by the Senate committee on ways and means chaired by Sen. Ralph Recto.

Lacson said Angara's committee could look into his allegations "to plug loopholes in campaign spending and reporting regulations."

But after Senator Arroyo questioned the jurisdiction of Angara's committee over Lacson's exposé, Senate President Franklin Drilon told senators that under Senate rules, when a measure covers a subject matter of more than one committee, two committees can tackle the issue.

Drilon said Arroyo's committee could tackle the exposé as the first committee , while the Senate rules committee chaired by Sen. Loren Legarda would identify the second committee.

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report on charges of drug trafficking and other illegal activities leveled against the senator.

Arroyo said Lacson was holding the Senate hostage even though it was the Senate's duty to inform the public of the results of its committee hearings against Lacson.

Instead of dragging other people into baseless issues, Lacson should face the charges against him, according to Arroyo.

He said he was saddened that excessive politicking had again become prevalent when national interest should be the priority.

Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus, former military intelligence chief, said Lacson's charges were an act of desperation by a man who would likely be behind bars before the year ends.

Corpus said Lacson's privileged speech was a diversionary tactic meant to cushion the blow of the impending Supreme Court decision on the Kuratong Baleleng rubout case in which Lacson has been implicated.

"He knows that the SC will come out with the Kuratong case soon and we are confident that he will be convicted and put behind bars because the evidence against him is strong," said Corpus, who was in Malacañang yesterday as part of his new assignment as chief strategist of the President's anti-poverty campaign.

Corpus said Lacson had also launched a media offensive to divert the public's attention from the Senate's final report on Lacson's involvement in drug trafficking and kidnapping for ransom.

The military official twitted Lacson for hiding behind the cloak of parliamentary immunity in making sweeping and baseless accusations.

"Senator Lacson should file his charges against us in court so we can answer back," Corpus said.

He noted that a libel charge was a light offense when compared to what Lacson was facing in the murder case against him.

For his part, Presidential Chief of Staff Rigoberto Tiglao said: "Lacson has resorted to comic-book phrases and theatrics by his creative writers to grab headlines."

Tiglao said Lacson's much-hyped bombshell turned out to be a dud.

Columnist Jarius Bondoc issued a statement defending his wife Marissa, who Lacson said was a frequent visitor to Arroyo's office in Makati.

"The allegation of Ping Lacson regarding my wife Marissa only confirms our strong suspicions that he not only has put us under surveillance but also is responsible for death threats we have been getting," Bondoc said in a statement.

"As with other subjects, my investigative columns on narcopoliticians have always been based on documents, sworn testimonies and interviews—which Lacson calls *banat*. This presidential wannabe now attributes the columns to my wife's supposed visits to LTA Building in Makati," Bondoc said.

Bondoc said "our long-time personal, corporate and libel lawyers hold office" in the LTA Building.

"My wife occasionally goes there on errands to drop off and pick up documents for me, or to seek legal counsel. I myself have visited our lawyers for similar advice and to inquire about legal actions against death threats to my family, including our teenage daughter," the columnist said. ***With a report from AP***

Ople confirms Swiss gov't probing Perez

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whom the Swiss are investigating for allegedly laundering $2 million in a Swiss bank account.

Asked if the Swiss government had written the DFA a letter regarding the "suspicious account" of Perez in Switzerland, Ople said, "I think so, yes."

"It probably reached the Department of Foreign Affairs when I was not here because I was on a mission abroad," the foreign secretary told the INQUIRER in Lucban, Quezon. Ople was in Lucban for the oath-taking of new members of the "Samahang Balagtas" at the Southern Luzon Polytechnic College.

Two Cabinet officials had said that Swiss authorities had sought the assistance of the DFA and the Anti-Money Laundering Council in providing information not only on Perez but also on his wife Rosario, his brother-in-law Ramon Arceo and investment banker Ernest L. Escaler. Arceo is a former director of the United Coconut Planters Bank and Escaler is a former consultant of Coutts Bank for the Philippines.

EFG Private Bank

DFA sources said the note verbale Swiss authorities sent to the DFA in April detailed bank transactions involving Perez's wife, Arceo and Escaler.

Among the transactions were the opening of accounts at the EFG Private Bank in Geneva by the three in 2001, and by Escaler's Lucky Clover Enterprises in 2002.

Rosario Perez and Arceo's joint account allegedly received $1 million and $699,985 on separate dates from an Escaler account in Coutts AG Hong Kong, before the joint account was closed in October 2001.

When the joint account was closed, its deposits were transferred to Escaler's account in EFG, according to information provided by Swiss authorities.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson noted that the paper trail on the transactions was almost complete.

"What is funny here is he (Perez) failed to cover his tracks because, although he placed the money under the name of his wife and brother-in-law, Perez executed a special power of attorney in his favor so *kita rin yung buntot* (the tail was visible)," Lacson said at a press briefing conducted by opposition congressmen. The opposition senator was at the House of Representatives yesterday as guest of the employees at the flag-raising ceremony.

In a statement the DFA released in Manila, Ople elaborated on the Swiss request. "(P)ursuant to our obligations under our Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with the Swiss government, the department examined the request, determined it to be sufficient in form, and forwarded it to the appropriate national agencies for action," he said.

Ople said that in cases involving a treaty request like this, a modicum of confidentiality was exercised.

"The agencies responded to the request for information which we then forwarded to the Swiss authorities. We have not heard from the Swiss authorities since then," he said.

Ople said the DFA had also acceded to a request of the Senate for documents relating to the issue. "As a former legislator myself, I am familiar with the need for members of Congress to be given the necessary data and information in aid of legislation. It was in this spirit that the department shared some of the documents with certain members of Congress," he said.

Million-dollar man

Bulacan Rep. Wilfredo Villarama, who was with Ople at the oath-taking ceremony, believed that Perez's $2-million Swiss deposit was the same money that Perez allegedly extorted from Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez, former adviser of deposed President Joseph Estrada.

"At last, we will soon know who's the liar between me and Nani Perez," Villarama said.

Last year, Villarama, a close associate of Jimenez, identified Perez as the "Million-dollar Man," who demanded and received $2 million from Jimenez in exchange for the dropping of charges against the Manila congressman.

Jimenez himself accused Perez in November last year of extorting $2 million from him in the third week of January in 2001. Jimenez said he wired the amount to an account of Escaler in Coutts Bank in Hong Kong on Feb. 23 2001 from his bank in Uruguay.

Villarama asked the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Anti-Money Laundering Council to immediately investigate the alleged money laundering activities of Perez, who resigned as justice secretary on Jan. 2 amid accusations that he had extorted $2 million from Jimenez.

Villarama appealed to the political opposition not to use the issue against the administration. "Nani Perez acted on his own. If he is proven guilty, let him suffer the full consequences of his own action," he said.

In the House of Representatives, Lacson said the $2 million in the Swiss account of Perez was part of the $14-million payoff for the $470-million government deal with the Argentine firm Industrias Metalurgicas Pescarmona C. A. (Impsa) for the rehabilitation of the Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan (CBK) hydroelectric plant. ***With a report from Carlito Pablo***

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coast, that conducted the surgery.

The team was headed by Dr. Peng Hai Chi, director of the center's pediatric department.

Hualien is also the home of Master Cheng Yen, founder of the 37-year-old foundation, a Buddhist missionary organization. The group shouldered the cost of operation amounting to $320,000 or P17.6 million (at an exchange rate of P55 per dollar).

"Because Rachel and Lea were used to being joined together, each baby got one toy to feel comfortable (with), like they were still together," He Ri Sheng, a foundation member, said last Saturday, during a video presentation of the actual separation.

The operation was the eighth such procedure conducted in Taiwan, but the first time where Siamese twins came from another country.

Prior to the operation, ultrasound and X-ray tests conducted on the twins showed that, except for the liver, they had separate sets of organs, making the survival rate a high 70 percent.

"During examinations, we found out that they had two separate entities, hearts, blood vessels, everything. Each one of them has a complete set of digestive system that's why the chances were good," said Dr. Robert Sy, a surgeon at the Chinese General Hospital in Manila and also a member of the Tzu Chi International Medical Association.

Crucial part

The team identified the liver separation as the crucial part of the procedure.

Lea got 60 percent of the liver while Rachel got 40 percent.

But when they opened up the twins, doctors saw the liver was separated by a natural line. "So they just followed the line. It (the line) was like planted by God, by nature. It just happened that way," a doctor said.

Dr. Lee Ming Tzi, who performed the liver separation, spent four hours cutting the liver apart, careful not to lose a single vein along the way.

Had one vein been cut, blood loss would have ensued, requiring the twins to undergo a blood transfusion.

The use of an ultrasonic vibration knife in slicing the liver also reduced the loss of blood.

The twins were separated at around 1:30 p.m. on June 28 while the rest of the procedure was completed at around 4:30 p.m., or three hours later.

The Lawel twins celebrated their first birthday on July 1 in the hospital, three days after their operation. They were given Chinese names. Rachel was given the name "Kan-in" (gratitude) while

Lea was named "Da-ai" (great love).

First appearance

Seated separately in two wheelchairs, the babies made their first appearance at the Still Thoughts Hall on Saturday before Philippine delegates composed of Tzu Chi Foundation members, including Sen. Loren Legarda and her husband, former Batangas Gov. Antonio Leviste.

The hall serves as the headquarters of the foundation members in Taiwan.

"Amazing. In the middle of crises and problems in different parts of the world, we have an uplifting, inspiring story," Legarda said.

"Through compassion, service, and the gift of giving, the Tzu Chi Foundation has been able to help twins who otherwise would not have had a future at all," she added.

Legarda seized the opportunity to invite missionary members to also look into the situation in Clark, Pampanga, where toxic waste contamination in the former military base has continued causing the death of women and children.

"Our health officials are seemingly helpless, hopeless over such a situation. I am extending my invitation to other doctors and I will personally accompany you to the area," Legarda told the foundation members.

"I brought it to the attention of the United States Congress, but the situation needs the help of Tzu Chi, so in the near future we can prevent more deaths from happening" she said.

Legarda promised the twins' mother that she would provide assistance for the babies for their education. She also offered to temporarily house the Lawels when they returned to the Philippines. The family will return to the country on Aug. 21, after four months in Taiwan.

Doctors, however, advised the Awels to spend three more months at the Chinese General Hospital when they return from Taiwan for the twins' rehabilitation and post-operation medical care.

Different personalities

Like other twins, Lea and Rachel have different personalities. Rachel is said to be very active, while Lea is the silent one.

Marieta recalled the babies' difficulties while they were still conjoined.

"Their condition did not allow them to sit. They were always lying down and constantly crying. They could only afford to sleep two hours during the day," Marieta said.

Taking care of the children, such as feeding and bathing, required the attention of both Marieta and her husband Andy.

Doctors recalled that the babies were nervous and were crying constantly while they were being prepared for the surgery.

Marieta was crying as well when her babies were wheeled into the operating room at around 7:30 a.m. on June 28.

"If something had gone wrong in the operation, I would have accepted it like it was the will of the Lord. But I had full trust in the Tzu Chi doctors and medical volunteers that they will do their best," she said.

She added: "My only dream for them is to grow up healthy so they can go to school, finish their studies so that they won't end up just like us (helpless). If they are educated, they can find a job and they can repay the people who have helped them and help other people, too."

The operation was not immediately made public because the Tzu Chi Foundation did not want to attract attention.

The successful separation was only announced through a briefing of the Taiwanese media on Friday, but only as part of the 37th anniversary of the Tzu Chi hospital.

Foundation officials said they wanted the operation to serve as a testimony of its mission to help other people without expecting anything in return.

‘We have learned to accept our fate–whatever it is’

By Philip C. Tubeza

SHRIEKING female government workers greeted Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV and five other rebel officers when they were presented before the Court of Appeals yesterday, in their first-ever court appearance.

Trillanes said he and his comrades had accepted their fate and were leaving everything up to God.

“As far as we are concerned, we have learned to accept our fate-- whatever it is ... *Bahala na ang Diyos* (We leave it up to God),” Trillanes said during a break at the CA hearing.

He said he and his comrades were leaving it to their lawyers to sort out the legalities of their confinement.

But he added that he was concerned that his family was being dragged into the controversy. “They are dragging our families into the case,” he said without elaborating. “You don't need to step on people if they are already down.”

He noted that his wife was pregnant. “She visited me yesterday. She came all the way from Baguio and then left. Her pregnancy is a difficult one,” Trillanes said.

The other rebel officers present were Marine Captains Gary Alejano and Nicanor Faeldon, Army Captains Gerardo Gambala and Milo Maestrecampo, and Navy Lt. (s.g.) James Layug.

Lawyers Homobono Adaza, Roberto Rafael Pulido and Reynaldo Robles represented them. The government's side was represented by Assistant Solicitor General Alex Gesmundo and Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño.

Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya and Intelligence Service of the AFP chief Gen. Pedro Cabuay were also present, but Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and National Security Adviser Roilo Golez did not show up.

The two sides parried arguments on allegations that the officers' rights to counsel, privacy, and against cruel and unusual punishment were violated at Isafp.

10 days

The CA's 12th Division, chaired by Justice Romeo A. Brawner, gave the government and rebels 10 days to present their memoranda and summaries of their arguments.

Brawner presided over the hearing, with Justices Josefina G. Salonga and Arturo D. Brion in attendance, at the CA centennial building's ceremonial hall.

The rebels' lawyers charged that they were not given enough time and privacy to talk to their clients, noting that visiting house were limited only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They said military agents also interrogated the officers even in the absence of their lawyers.

And when the rebel officers talked to their lawyers, they allegedly had to do so behind bars. The Isafp also boarded up the windows of their detention cells, giving them little light and ventilation.

Adaza said the officers were in solitary confinement for 23 hours each day. Isafp officers also allegedly confiscated two letters from Trillanes.

These letters were returned only after the motion for habeas corpus was filed before the Supreme Court, and they were already opened, Pulido said.

He added that these restrictions were not present before Cabuay took over Isafp.

Adaza said the generals and other senior officers implicated in previous coup attempts also did not get this kind of treatment.

“I was also confined before but we had books then and there was martial law then. There is no martial law today,” Adaza said.

Adaza said these restrictions could not be due to a fear of the officers escaping, since there are two locked doors and four guarded gates that everyone has to go through to get to the detention cells.

He added that in one instance, it took him 30 minutes to get through all those barriers after consulting with the officers.

But Gesmundo said that Cabuay, as the officers' custodian, was allowed to implement certain measures to ensure that there is no escape.

Good end

But the hearing apparently ended well with Adaza saying that it was better compared to the Feliciano Commission.

Cabuay also later agreed to allow the officers to have some time for exercise.

Cabuay saluted and shook hands with Trillanes and the other officers. He said they “were still military officers.”

As the rebels were taken under escort to the waiting military vans, court employees mobbed them, with the females shrieking and looking starry-eyed.

Some of them even joked about creating a fans club for the officers.

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that the military and civil court proceedings would go hand in hand with reform measures.

“The court-martial is about to start in tandem with civil court proceedings against the leaders of the conspiracy,” President Macapagal-Arroyo said.

“We will mop up the virus of destabilization in the Armed Forces not by witch-hunting but by the force of justice and reforms.”

Sarmiento said the soldiers were charged for violating five Articles of War: conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman (Article 96), disrespect for the President (Article 63), desertion (Article 59), conduct prejudicial to good discipline (Article 97), and mutiny (Article 67).

When asked about the danger of double jeopardy since coup d'etat charges have been filed in a Makati Regional Trial Court, Sarmiento said he would wait for the civilian court to order them to stop.

“It depends on an order from the court that would restrain us from doing so. Since there is no order, we will continue,” he said.

Sarmiento also said that the military was still looking for more than 100 soldiers who participated in the coup attempt but did not show up at the Oakwood Premier Apartments in Makati City.

Big chance

The President repeated her calls for Honasan to show up.

“It is the supreme irony for a duly-elected senator to refuse to face the bar of justice. This is a violation of both his electoral mandate and his oath. Senator Honasan must not insult his peers by hiding from them,” she said in a statement.

Lawyer Daniel Gutierrez, Honasan's counsel, said there was a “bigger chance” that the senator would in fact show up at the next hearing of the DOJ.

But only if the government stops its manhunt against Honasan and ensures that he would be treated fairly, Gutierrez added.

He said Honasan did not surface even after the government lifted the state of rebellion because government agents were still after him.

Gutierrez also noted that the administration continued to reveal evidence against Honasan “piecemeal.”

“He is in a hard situation. I'm fighting for my client's rights and liberty,” he said.

Gutierrez and the lawyers for the other accused also complained that the DOJ gave unmarked annexes and failed to provide them with one item of evidence—the videotape of Guardian members on their way to Oakwood.

Besides Honasan, the other accused include Capt. Felix Turingan, Honasan's staff member George Duldulao, retired Col. Ernesto Macahiya of Bay, Laguna, a Col. Briones, a retired Col. Lazo, one Lina Reyes, and 1,000 Jane and John Does, most of whom are members of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc. (PGBI), the faction of the Guardians that Honasan heads.

Besides the unmarked evidence, the testimony of a police Insp. Jangao was also incomplete.

“If effect, it was a blank paper. It was incomplete,” Gutierrez said.

Jago panel

Sarmiento said a Jago panel would review the charges and decide later who among the mutineers would be charged and what the charges would be.

He said the Jago's findings would then be forwarded to Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya.

Abaya would be the one to decide whether to convene a military tribunal that will try the rebels, he said.

Sarmiento said the military tribunal would be composed of not more than five active military officers who are known for their “judicial temperament” and experience.

Ladia, the inspector general, had recommended that108 officers and 45 enlisted men face court-martial, on top of rebellion charges already filed against the entire group who surrendered peacefully within 24 hours of their mutiny. *With reports from Leila Salaverria; AP, AFP*

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The worst terrorism

EDITORIAL

THE SWIFT conviction in Indonesia of the terrorists behind the Bali bombings and the arrest in Thailand of the man believed to be al-Qaida's top man in Asia offer concrete proof of Southeast Asia's resolve to stamp out terrorism that has browbeaten the world at the start of the third millennium.

The developments cannot be discounted. They represent nearly two years of hits and misses, false leads and wild goose chase, in a campaign that, warts and all, represents the region's resolve to wipe out fundamentalist terrorism which seems to have found a healthy haven in its poverty and underdevelopment, in its ethnic diversity and tensions. The conviction of the people behind the Bali bombings on Oct. 12, 2002, was a deft and hard blow on terrorism. Without skipping a beat, Indonesian authorities herded the accused to the courts where they faced the charges and defended themselves, and were convicted and sentenced. Held publicly, the trials were a model in straight, no-fuss administration of justice. It remains to be seen, of course, whether the charges will stick once they are reviewed, but at least, the trials and conviction showed justice remarkably dispatched and handed out.

Perhaps an even greater cause for rejoicing was the capture of Riduan Isamuddin, 39, better known as Hambali, who was, until his capture last week, the most wanted terror suspect in Southeast Asia. An Indonesian, Hambali was a veteran of the war between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union and one of the few non-Arabs in Osama bin Laden's inner circle. His Southeast Asian ties and roots had made him Bin Laden's most trusted lieutenant in the region. He had in fact been connected to a 1994 plan to blow up airliners over the Pacific, the suicide attack in October 2000 on the American destroyer Cole, both 9/11 and 10/12, and more recently, the Marriott Hotel attack.

As the architect of the Bali attacks (10/12), Hambali reportedly supplied the financing and recruited the bomb makers who built the explosive device that ripped through two crowded nightclubs, killing more than 200 people from 21 countries. He was also reportedly one of the planners of the bombing of the Marriott, which killed 10 people.

The ferocity of the terrorist attacks and their consistency amid a worldwide search for terrorists only indicate that al-Qaida and its affiliates, notably the Philippine Abu Sayyaf and the Indonesian Jemaah Islamiyah organization, which is behind the Marriott attack, are not relaxing its terror campaign. Before his capture, in fact, Hambali had been suspected of plotting a terrorist activity in the run-up to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Meeting, which Jakarta is hosting in October.

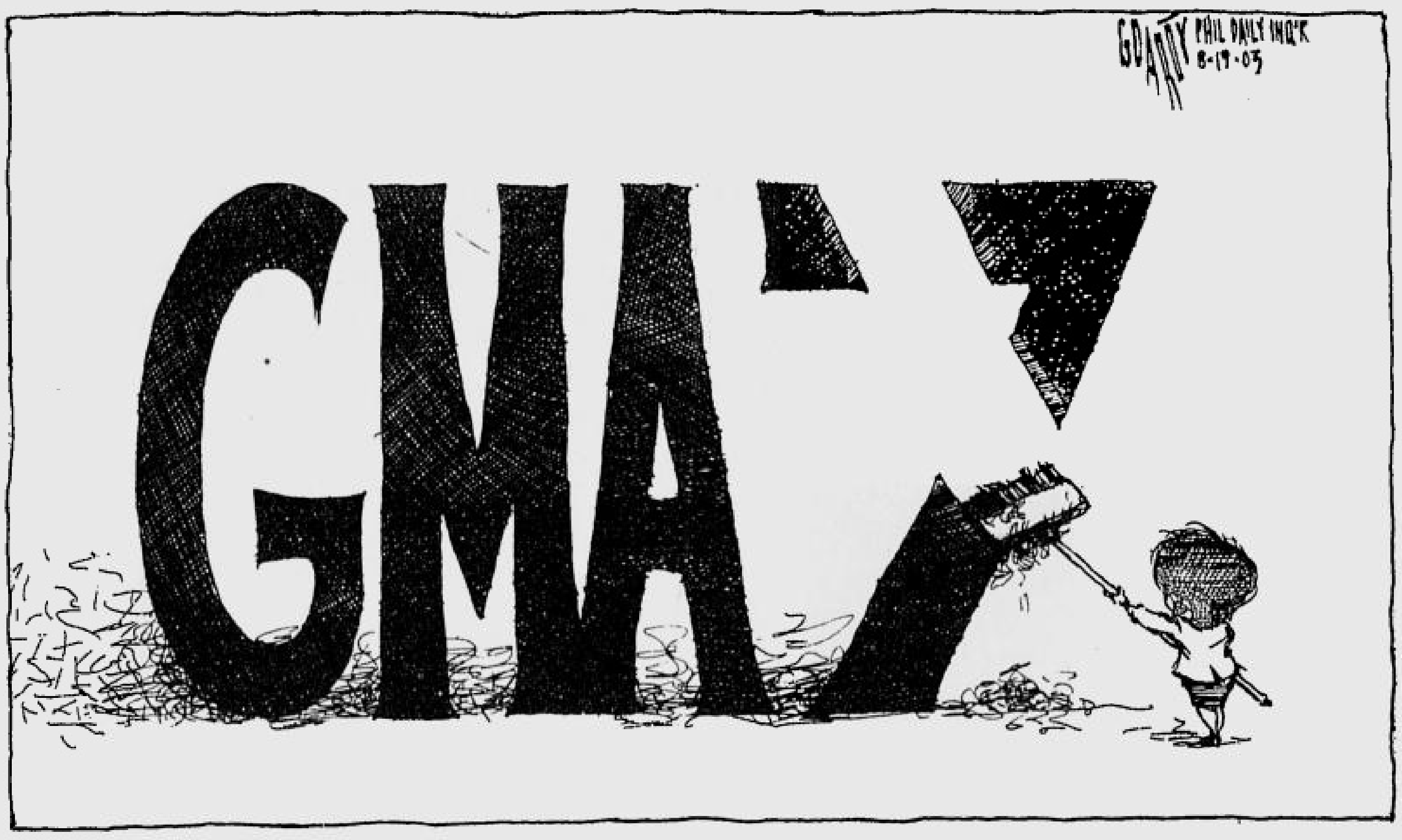
The twin developments offer a stark contrast to the way in which Philippine authorities have botched the campaign against terrorists. Ahead of the Indonesian and Thai authorities, Philippine police and military forces cast a wide net to catch Abu Sayyaf and al-Qaida terrorists, and managed to collar several most-wanted terrorists of whom the most prominent was Fathur al-Ghozi.

But what happened? In a jailbreak that seemed to have been caused either by conspiracy or incompetence, Al-Ghozi escaped, turning the government's declared war against global terror into nothing but a paper tiger, all bombast and no fang. Recent inquiry into the escape seems to point to a conspiracy to let Al-Ghozi escape, but to what end, we don't know.

If the escape sounds much like a cloak-and-dagger thing our security and intelligence forces seem to have gotten an indigestion of, owing to long exposure to silly Hollywood movies and inane television drama specials, the continued inability of the people to produce better results in the Al-Ghozi pursuit seems straight out of the Keystone Cops. Whichever, the Philippine war against terrorism is the butt of jokes in the world.

It is said that the July coup has diverted Philippine attention from the war against terrorism. But perhaps the worse diversion is to let high-profile terrorists escape and consume the attention of a nation with nerves already frayed by putsches, terrorism and even mundane matters such as garbage and traffic.

In all of this, the problem as ever is whether Philippine law enforcement and justice administration can deliver the goods. Their continued inability to do so—with dispatch and professionalism—is perhaps the worst terrorism.



No 'states of rebellion, lawlessness' in our Charter

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declared a "state of rebellion" during the Makati coup attempt, and a "state of lawlessness" after the bombing of the Davao airport. There are no such animals in the Philippine Constitution or in any law. I don't know where the President got them.

Supposedly, these declarations of "states of rebellion and lawlessness" allow warrantless arrests. But comb the Constitution and the law books and you won't find them.

Perhaps, knowing this, Malacañang lifted the "state of rebellion" four hours after Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. filed a petition with the Supreme Court questioning it. No doubt, Malacañang thought the lifting would make the petition moot and academic and the tribunal would forthwith dismiss it. But as an indication of the importance of the issue, the high court did not drop the case despite the lifting of the "state of rebellion." For how can anybody impose something not authorized by the Charter and the statutes? The tribunal ought to make a clear declaration that the President cannot do this.

The Constitution allows the President to impose only two extraordinary measures in case of invasion or rebellion, or the imminent threat thereof when public safety so requires: suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or declare martial law. But both are limited in duration and subject to review by Congress and the Supreme Court. They cannot last more than 60 days, beyond which they are automatically lifted, unless earlier revoked or extended by Congress. Any citizen may challenge it in court.

Malacañang obviously did not want a presidential suspension of the privilege of the writ or a proclamation of martial law questioned in court and possibly revoked by the Supreme Court or Congress. So, it invented the "state of rebellion."

This is not only illegal but also very dangerous. As Senator Pimentel pointed out in yesterday's *Kapihan sa Manila*, under a "state of rebellion," anybody can be arrested without a warrant and detained indefinitely without charges being filed.

And while important persons like Sen. Gringo Honasan has already been assured by the government that he won't be arrested, despite the grave accusations against him, if and when he comes out of hiding, what about the ordinary, unknown citizen, Pimentel asked. Any policeman or soldier can pick up any citizen without a warrant of arrest, without any charges against him, without any explanation, without the knowledge of Malacañang, without the permission of a superior officer. On mere whim—maybe, the cop doesn't like the way a person parts his hair, or "on suspicion of being a rebel."

In fact, real rebels or criminals, pretending to be cops or soldiers, can arrest anybody on the strength of the "state of rebellion" and make him disappear. People will think the arrest is being done lawfully.

While the "state of rebellion" has been lifted, the "state of lawlessness" in Mindanao, which is almost the same, remains in force, Pimentel said. Does the President intend it to stay, or has she just forgotten to lift it?

But what it means is that while citizens in Luzon and Visayas cannot be arrested without warrants, the citizens of Mindanao still face the danger of warrantless arrests. And yet peace talks between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front are supposed to resume soon.

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On the hearings on the failed coup attempt, the joke is that the accused junior officers refuse to attend further hearings not because they were caught lying but because they are being forced to speak in English. Indeed, it was torture to watch them try to express themselves in English. We should conduct further hearings in Pilipino, our national language.

But seriously, the televised hearings raise question on the quality of education in the Philippine Military Academy, at least in English, if not in military science and tactics. I mean the PMA is an elite school; its cadets are supposed to be the cream of the crop, chosen after a series of stiff examinations all over the country. From tens of thousands of applicants, only a couple of hundred, the best of the best, make it. And yet the graduates have a hard time speaking English.

Of course, this is also true of most other universities and colleges. The quality of English education has really gone down, which prompted the President to frown on bilingualism in schools and to order education officials to upgrade the teaching of English. For our proficiency in English, which used to be our advantage in the world, has suffered tremendously as a result, many think, of the bilingual medium of instruction in schools.

Our proficiency in English is one reason why overseas Filipino workers are in demand abroad—there is no problem when it comes to communication, at least. But if the deterioration in our ability to communicate in English continues, we will lose that advantage.

And, in fact, the deteriorating quality of our English could be one reason for the poor quality of our college graduates. Most textbooks used here are in English. Maybe the students can't understand them very well.

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TODAY'S JOKE: This one, from the Reader's Digest, is very apt to the topic above:

A class of students was told to write a brief essay containing religion, royalty, sex and mystery. This one got the prize:

"Oh my God," said the Queen, "I am pregnant. I wonder who did it."

The other coup

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

BEFORE GMA vented her ire on Tina Panganiban-Perez, she vented her ire on Antonio Trillanes and company.

They are "a band of arrogant rogues who are a disgrace to the uniform," she said in a speech in Marinduque last week. "Never have I seen men sworn to loyalty, integrity and courage brazenly lying through their teeth and arrogantly taking the Filipino people for fools." They have been "infected with the virus of adventurism, dictatorship and totalitarianism."

"One cannot imagine a government under men like these and their patrons, who would play the role of prosecutor, judge and executioner at the same time. (We must) condemn and resist these attempts to destroy our democratic way of life. We must not allow the will of a few run roughshod over our constitutional institutions."

I saw a bit of the Feliciano Commission hearings last Thursday and Friday, and true enough, Trillanes and company are vulnerable to the charge of presumptuousness, if not arrogance. The pro-administration senators, chief of them Joker Arroyo, and the Commission counsel, Mario Ongkiko, did a good job bringing that out. The mutineers did have a penchant for forming cabals and plotting in secret, employing for the purpose cultist rituals such as blood compacts. That must raise serious questions about whether they hark to democratic and rational ideals or to conspiratorial and atavistic ones.

It did not help that the accused were often hot under the collar. They may have researched the weapons in the war of the trenches, but they have not researched the weapons in the war of hearts and minds. TV, chief of them. As Marshall McLuhan pointed out ages ago, TV is not a "hot" medium, it is a "cool" one. It is not hospitable to excitable people. It is a cruel medium that exaggerates every gesture, every expression, every utterance. A tone that seems indignant or righteous in print becomes dismissive and supercilious in tube. Utterances that seem audacious and defiant in print become rude and insolent in tube.

It did not help moreover that the accused may have been skilled in the art of war but not so in the art of discourse. Except for Antonio Trillanes, the others were inarticulate. At some points, they were positively incoherent, even unintelligible.

It did not help still farther that all Trillanes had to show for his case against corruption in the Armed Forces of the Philippines was a thesis he wrote as a cadet of the Philippine Military Academy. That made the whole thing look like a student defending his work before a panel of thesis advisers. And unable to do so before rigorous examination. Or indeed that Trillanes himself wasn't spotless, having forgotten to pay his taxes over the last couple of years. Which sets him up for the Al Capone solution at the very least.

But GMA's utterances show precisely what the problem with that investigation is, which is that we are left wondering if we are not looking at a mirror image of her rule.

As arrogance goes, can anything be more arrogant than her "You are with me or against me" speech last year, echoing George Bush's line in the "war against terror"? Can anything more starkly reduce the world into black-and-white or usurp power more greedily?

GMA, Angelo Reyes, Roilo Golez, Prospero Pichay, Rodrigo Duterte and Wahab Akbar may not have entered into a blood compact, but is their group no less cabalistic, stoking as they do this country's atavistic fear and distrust of Moros? As brazenly lying through their teeth and taking the Filipinos for fools go, can anything be worse than the scenarios Golez painted about Saddam Hussein's poison gases falling into the hands of Moro terrorists. Which was how he justified the country's support for the Iraq war? Or, indeed, all the supposed links between the MILF and the al-Qaida that the AFP has been routinely trotting out to justify a gratuitous war in Mindanao and US troops in this country?

As flying off the handle and sitting in judgment over the world go, can anything top GMA's public humiliation of Tina Panganiban-Perez? Can anything be more presumptuous than telling media what to cover, how to cover and when to cover? That is by no means the first time the President did that. If I recall right, she also accused a tabloid reporter of consorting with the Abu Sayyaf in one press conference in Malacañang. The fellow also had the temerity to interview the enemy.

As being guilty of the crime one accuses others of goes, is GMA any less guilty of the terrorism she means to rid the world of? Milo Mastrecampo's revelation that he was ordered by his immediate superior to bomb a mosque is terrorism, even if you grant that that is merely retaliation for the bombing of Sasa Wharf—and it has yet to be known who really bombed Sasa Wharf. GMA says the mutineers are liars and adventurists: If so, then her "war against terror" has so far been prosecuted by liars and adventurists.

Which brings us to the part about the unthinkability of people who are arrogant, presumptuous, and deluded taking over government, and to our need to resist them. I could not agree more. But that is not in the future, that is in the present.

A coup has taken place—though less noisily than the attempt in Oakwood—one that has hijacked the course of this country from the direction set by Edsa II. There is a band of arrogant rogues who are a disgrace to democracy that has come to power. There is a cabal of people who have been infected with the virus of adventurism, dictatorship and totalitarianism running the affairs of state. There is a group of conspirators who would play the role of judge, prosecutor and executioner, destroying our democratic way of life, ramming its will over our freedoms.

They're squatting in Malacañang.

It's time they were brought to trial.

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BF should continue urinal project

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

IT'S hard to understand why some mayors are objecting to the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) project of installing urinals along the main streets of the metropolis. The round lavender-colored urinals set on steel legs answer a crying need: a place for men to answer the call of nature.

In many Western cities, by dropping a coin, one can get into nice-looking toilets, which swish perfumed water after one's use. Bayani Fernando's urinals in this Third-World setting have the same purpose.

One mayor said the urinals are encouraging indiscipline among the people, and that he'd rather have them use toilets he plans to install in various places. But the fact is that the male populace is right now undisciplined in this regard and they relieve themselves anywhere they please. Until the various cities can construct decent public toilets, the MMDA urinals will certainly be better than this deplorable practice of doing it beside the electric post. The urinals are for a transition period. As to the lavender color that offends one mayor, like Mayor Lito Atienza's multi-colored huge globe bulbs along Roxas Boulevard, the urinals are meant to be conspicuous so that people will remember where they are.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando should go right ahead and set up the urinals, but of course, in proper coordination with the mayors, some of whom have complained of not being consulted.

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As I write this column, Sen. Panfilo Lacson is reported to be poised to deliver a "bombshell" in the Senate, to denounce another alleged instance of corruption involving First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, with former ISAFP Chief Victor Corpus as his instrument. Corpus has dared Lacson to repeat his charges outside of the Senate and thus shed his parliamentary immunity. The charges, however, will be looked upon as squid tactics, in view of the fact that two weeks ago he had sought to prevent voting by the entire Senate on the joint committee report submitted jointly by three committees on Lacson's alleged involvement in drug-trafficking, kidnapping for ransom and other crimes. The report has been long delayed due to Lacson's delaying tactics, and his bombshell could be viewed as more of the same, because he is fearful of the truth.

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That many members of the House of Representatives linked up with military units in their areas to support the government at the height of the Oakwood rebellion, as revealed by Speaker Jose de Venecia to this column, may have contributed in no small way to isolating the rebels in Makati. In such crisis, every effort to help the beleaguered government matters and civilians can play a crucial role. Interestingly, while the military and the Palace worried about how to contain the rebellion, the Department of Tourism had to tackle another problem: how to protect over 400 foreigners in three hotels in the vicinity. Accounts said Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce was earlier trapped in Oakwood with some Aussie nationals, but managed to walk to freedom.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon related to this columnist at the Manila Overseas Press Club last July 31 that French Ambassador Rene Veyret called him up about a French national also trapped there. Gordon related that one of the first things he had to do was to convince the rebel leaders to turn over the foreigners peacefully, as at that point everyone was second-guessing their intentions. "Do not cross the line into terrorism. You don't want your children to blame you later for terrorism," he said. Luckily they listened, and with the cooperation of personnel from the various hotels, DOT Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab supervised the loading of the foreigners into buses and brought them to Westin Plaza. When the crisis was over, a party was thrown for the foreign guests at the Hotel Intercontinental, and the fun helped relieve the tension. But just so the guests don't forget the riotous time they had in Makati, Gordon gave them T-shirts printed with the message, "Wow Philippines takes care of me, anytime, all the time."

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National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) deputy director General Reynaldo Velasco, a PMA classmate of Sen. Gregorio Honasan, commended the 17,000 strong Metro Manila police force for its role in foiling the Oakwood rebellion and ensuring order during President Macapagal-Arroyo's Sona the next day. Velasco said the police never faltered in its support of government forces despite the fact that the police had little sleep for two days. The NCRPO chief was quoted as saying that support for President Macapagal was fully deserved, as it was during her term that the salaries of policemen came to match those of public school teachers. Today a rookie cop's gross pay is P12,000 a month, or double what he used to earn in 1999. It has been noted that the Oakwood rebellion only involved soldiers from the Army, Navy and Air Force, but not from the Philippine National Police. Perhaps, another reason for the police's loyalty, aside from the increase in their salaries, is the fact that for a few years now, the PNP officers' training and education have been separated from the AFP officers' who are groomed at the Philippine Military Academy. Hence, the danger of "contamination" or "clique mentality" was lessened in the case of the police (the PNP Academy is in Cavite). In fact, at a recent TV talk show, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. William Hotchkiss opined that it would be better if the country could also have separate academies for the Army, Air Force and the Navy, similar to the set up in the US. This is ideal, but it would involve too much funding which government does not have at the moment.

Righting an absurd situation

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

AMONG THE OBJECTIONS being raised against the proposed restructuring of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (through the National Revenue Authority bill) is that it would cost the government some P5 billion to implement. Much of this amount will go to retirement or separation benefits for BIR personnel who, as I mentioned in a previous column, have been demanding for a separation package of up to five months for every year of service.

Now, not even the most generous (and profitable) of private corporations have ever offered such a package to folks leaving their employ. I wonder where the BIR employees propose that government find the money to ease their way out of the bureau. They more than anyone else should be aware that the collection of taxes has long fallen short of targets. And if such a dismal performance is not explained fully by entrenched corruption within their ranks, then could it be a question of incompetence? And if so, why should they be rewarded so generously for being so lousy at their jobs?

One of the proposals calls for "preferential hiring." Under the proposed bill, all BIR employees would have to resign their posts and apply once more, and all things being equal, preference would be given to the former BIR employees. But to be considered for rehiring, a former employee would have to pass a series of tests, including one for competence and another for integrity, which may also entail the now-popular "lifestyle check."

Similar schemes have been attempted in other countries, making sure the revamped revenue collection agencies attracted only the "best and the brightest" by offering competitive salaries and reintegrating only those former employees who proved both competent and honest. The results were impressive, with a country like Peru, for instance, tripling its revenue collections in just a few years after the restructuring.

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IF the BIR employees prove intractable and succeed in frightening legislators to give in to their demands, there are other things officials of the revamped BIR can do.

A friend suggests that employees whose competence and/or integrity are under question be retained by the agency (thus saving the government the expense of their separation benefits) but detailed elsewhere or given new assignments. They could be fielded to public schools as teachers, presumably as lecturers on "good government." Or they could be fielded as roving teams of speakers on such topics as "How to pay the correct taxes" or "The present loopholes in our tax system." The new agency could even charge for attendance in such seminars, which would certainly be attractive to private businesses and thereby raise money for government. The rest could simply be retained until retirement, moving files or pushing filing cabinets around for the new agency, which would certainly be cheaper than having to pay them for the privilege of leaving.

Honest employees, meanwhile, could be tapped as "assets" to help investigators identify tax cheats and the methods they use to evade paying the proper taxes, perhaps even fingering their colleagues who've managed to gain unexplained wealth by helping selected clients.

The suggestions may have been made tongue-in-cheek, but at the moment they sound more than reasonable—which just goes to show how ridiculous and absurd is the condition we find ourselves in.

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ON THE LAND Administration Reform Act (Lara), which seeks to put some order in the process of "recording and disseminating information about the ownership, value and use of land," the fate of the employees of the various offices and agencies engaged in land titling and valuation is proving to be one of biggest stumbling blocks to the passage of the propos[illegible].

There is actually a plan covering the status of the employees of the six offices and agencies engaged in this process. As proposed, upon passage of the Lara, all affected agencies and their employees would be housed under similar offices within the proposed Land Administration Authority (LAA). There will then be a one-year transition period, during which the organizational structure, relevant functions and staffing pattern "needed to carry out the reform process" shall be determined.

The LAA will then determine the staffing strategy, "based on the necessary functions…(and using) merit as the primary selection consideration."

Those who will be reemployed by the LAA will go through an "intensive capability-building program" while those who won't be retained will receive a retirement package equivalent to three months' salary for every year of service incurred before the merger, "apart from other benefits provided under existing laws."

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WHILE three months is more reasonable than five months, it's certainly more than generous. But since the rationalization of land titling and land valuation will result, it is hoped, in the recovery of an estimated P1 billion in lost revenue, the separation costs may in the end make economic sense.

Certainly, it's not the fault of those working in the array of offices and agencies engaged in land titling and valuation that their superiors and workplaces have contributed to the confusion, lack of coordination and even corruption involved in the process. But should they be rewarded for their role in perpetuating this awful state of affairs? And should the Filipino people be made to pay for the effort to put their houses in order?

All of us complain about incompetence, graft and corruption in government. And all of us profess willingness to do our share to clean up the filthy stables of the bureaucracy. But some are proving to be less willing than others.

Readers respond

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

FROM THE LETTERS I have received in response to two articles on our Meralco billings, it would seem that no matter how much the power company explains that only a certain percentage of that bill goes to them while practically half goes to the government, it does not alter the general feeling that we're being taken for a ride. Listen, I'm not saying we are. I'm stating that people feel they're being taken for a ride both by the Energy Regulatory Board, which is perceived as not protecting the consumer's interest, and by Meralco. In the same manner that there's not much you can do about perception, neither can the consumer do anything about his bill.

Majo Jose was surprised that I did a 360-degree turn and wrote about the present rather than the past. But the articles must have struck a chord enough for her to comment that she knows what the word "refund" means. She thinks Meralco has changed the meaning, with "all the gobbledygook press releases and itemization of charges ad infinitum on its bills." Kris Aquino speaking up for the utility company isn't enough to convince her either. "*Ano ito, show biz?*" she asks.

But Col. Auxencio Peñaranda (ret.), like a lot of others, finds the unbundled billing cost items "unjustified, burdensome to the consumers and deceptively split into various bloated cost items." The ad that Meralco took out in the INQUIRER explaining these costs he considers a mere "camouflage, an utter deception under the cover of seeming legal cloak—citing certain laws passed to justify them" (thanks to the ERB, I presume).

What a lot of people feel but cannot express is stated by Peñaranda which is that the coverage of these unbundled items was expanded, making it possible to pass on to the consumer bigger and more charges. Courtesy of government energy agencies and many lawmakers, of course.

Here is the example: Meralco splits the cost of collecting, billing and consumer assistance, meter reading and maintenance for the items "metering charge" and "supply charge" even if this work is done by one individual who reads the meters, brings the bills, collects and even repairs faulty meters.

The colonel believes the cost of generation is "bloated; the same is true with the transmission and distribution. Meralco just splits the apparent single service of transmission from power source to substations and from substations to the consumers—a single process split into the bigger lines portion of the power supply system from the smaller lines. But the inputs into the costs—like the buildings, equipment, machinery, steel structures and power lines—have been there for decades now and are definitely fully depreciated as these have a straight life of only 5 to 10 years."

The colonel would like me to pass his comments along to "a group or organization of people who are no-nonsense advocates of reform, honesty and the protection of the Filipino people…"

Oops, Colonel. Sorry, but I am sorry to inform you that I am totally unaware of such a group. Would that there were! The last ones I saw were 17 years ago in Edsa and I'm afraid after they gauged the results of this best of all possible worlds, they decided to stay home and tend to their gardens.

I have to inform my readers though that I have met a certain Mr. P. Wallace who defended the PPA charges. His explanation is that the reason these are high is that we are not consuming all the electricity generated. Most people apparently blame former President Ramos but Wallace believes that in two to three years we will be suffering brownouts or blackouts because by that time there will be more consumers (go ahead have more babies) than electricity available. In the meantime, it takes five to seven years for power plants to be operational but nobody has invested or wants to invest in one, either because its too expensive or too controversial.

So there, make of that what you will. No matter which way the wind blows the you-know-what is still hitting the fan and your bill isn't going down.

Then there's a Michael London in Subic who claims that he has been receiving disconnection notices for his apartment in Greenhills, "unfortunately serviced by Meralco," without his ever having received a bill! Now that's really weird: Meralco forgetting to send a bill! Incredible! On the other hand, it is true that the company is rather free and easy with its disconnection notices. Consumers get them a couple of days after they receive their bills, even faster it seems than it would take the post office to send the payment by snail-mail. London's bill comes with a telephone number for inquiries but, wouldn't you know, when you dial it PLDT answers, "The number you dialed is not yet in service."

His advice to the exhausted consumer (no, it's not taking over a hotel) may appeal to the colonel. He suggests writing to the US Security and Exchange Commission, copy furnished Meralco's or PLDT's (if that's the other bane of your existence) legal departments, to get a fast response. The logic behind this is that large utility companies need to borrow funds in the international markets, especially in the United States where they have to register with the SEC and "issue a prospectus with disclosure of…certain actions and complaints that are pending against them."

Well, now you know. Calling the Fortun brothers!

Survivor

THE BEAUTY of God's creation is beyond description. I praise God for His beautiful works. And I am one of those beautiful masterpieces He has created.

There have been many times when I felt down and helpless. I am sick, I would tell myself and then I would say God will find a way for me to get better, He will make a miracle. And He would really do it.

My family, my relatives and other people in our barangay did not expect me to grow up into one of the more successful persons in our community. When I was six years old, I was diagnosed with leukemia. My life was in danger. When I looked at my arms, legs and the rest of my body, I would notice the black spots that are the tell-tale signs of leukemia. Everyone in our barangay thought my case was hopeless, but still they prayed for me to get well.

YOUNG BLOOD

Hannibal Reymond A. Baladjay

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

Since we were living in a far-flung barangay, I was brought to a quack doctor. He told us that *"duwendes"* had attacked my body and that was why I had those black spots. Traditional healing rituals were held, but nothing happened.

I was afraid I would die. I told my Nanay Linda to bring me to the hospital as soon as possible since I felt weak, and the spots were spreading to the upper parts of my body.

The doctor in our town told us I had leukemia. She instructed my parents to bring me to Davao Doctors Hospital since our town had no medical facilities for treating the disease. The doctor said I had to be brought there immediately to avoid infection on some sensitive and critical internal organs like the heart and brain.

I was airlifted from our hometown of Lebak, Sultan Kudarat, on a plane owned by a logging company and brought to Cotabato. From there we took a bus to Davao City.

God gave me a miracle that time. I survived. But the doctor told us I could expect to live on until my 21st birthday.

As I grew up, I kept telling myself my health will improve. My family loves me so much, and that's why I have to live life to the fullest, I said. They have showed their care, affection and love in many ways. My brother Bong even told me that if one isn't ready to die, he is not ready to live here on earth.

I have never forgotten that line as I grew up. It continues to encourage me to look at life with a lot of hope and optimism.

I grew up very different from my friends and classmates. I was exempted from tough activities in school and at home since my body was weak. I had big dreams but there were so many fears since I could not forget what happened before. But I had faith in our Almighty Father, and I believed He would perform another miracle after I had survived the first trial.

There was a time during high school when I wanted to give up since I was suffering so many afflictions, including malaria, typhoid fever and migraine. But my desire to live life to the fullest overcame my despair. Still I asked myself how I could live life to the fullest if I was sick. But always it was my faith that sustained my desire to live. I believed that I could have a bright future and my dreams would be fulfilled for as long as I had faith, hope and a positive outlook. God will always find a way.

Days, months and years passed quickly. I went to college and enrolled in a regular course to earn a degree. I became one of the better students at the university. I was active in both academic and non-academic endeavors. When I was president of our organization, we conducted various community services in some remote barangays.

It was also while I was in college that I started my broadcasting career. My dream was to be a disc jockey, [illegible] to share with my radio listeners some great quotations, play cool music and give out information that would make them aware and responsible citizens.

Since my junior year, I have been working in a local FM radio station. I feel great when I know that listeners are happy with my program. And I welcome the opportunity to develop my talent and potentials.

When I celebrated my 21st birthday, it was another very memorable occasion for me. I had outlived the doctor's prediction. God had made a miracle happen again. After waiting with fear for the time to arrive, celebrating my 21st birthday proved that I was not sick anymore.

On my birthday, my father paid me a surprise visit, despite the long distance between our hometown and our school. We had a simple celebration where he gave a testimony about my life history and how I had survived so many illnesses and trials. At the party there was much laughter and tears of joy. It was for me one of the sweetest occasions in my life.

Today, I feel confident and ready to face new trials and challenges. I know God's love is constant and immeasurable. God gave me a very serious illness during my childhood for a reason. But I came out of it with a stronger faith and a lot of hope and confidence about the future.

It has been said that God has a reason for everything. When He closes a door, he opens not just a window but even the whole roof. Every day is a day to be thankful for.

Last April, I graduated with some citations. I was nominated for many awards, including best male program host, university community service and college leadership. Although I didn't win any of these awards, I considered the nominations a big achievement knowing where I was coming from. I have won my battles in my life and I feel ready to face other battles ahead.

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THEY SAID

Insensitive

"…squabbling dehumanizes the victims we seek to honor and compensate and trivializes the sufferings they have endured."

—Sen. Joker Arroyo on Bayan Muna legislators accusing an Akbayan representative of watering down a bill seeking to compensate human rights victims of the Marcos regime

Restoration

"The government has to have the moral ascendancy to go after taxpayers who cheat us of our much-needed revenues. We have to purge our ranks to restore credibility and faith in our institutions."

—Finance Secretary Isidro Camacho on government officials with low salaries but with millions of assets

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Whose nerves will crack first?

N CONSTANTINE Kavafy's poem, Waiting for the Barbarians," the citiens waited with mixed thoughts: When will the barbarians strike? What would they do to their decadent socity? Many feared their coming, but he others were unafraid. The barbarans never came.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines has been waiting for the military rebels o strike again. The wait continues. The watch goes on. Red alerts. Blue alerts. Double red alerts. Whose nerves will crack first?

In the last years of Marcos, the miliary waited and waited for the military barbarians to attack Malacañang. At the closing stages of 1985-86, civilian demos faced battalion-size contingents deployed eight-line deep. They were not meant for them but for the military rebels, who never came. At Edsa '86 the Marcos military response was feeble. It has been enfeebled by its inability to engage the enemy in a set-piece battle; by its long and vain waiting.

Threats of a military coup can be unsettling, except that these have been failures, and this is bad for the plotters who have to convince the world that they are not simply power-hungry.

It works both ways. The constant alerts may or may not sap the fighting will. The constant threats by the coup plotters, each time resulting in failure, will also damage their fighting potential.

The Irish Republican Army is still there but its fighting potential has proscribed, so to speak, for lack of a set-piece battle with the British army. Will the military rebels go the IRA way?

Will the constant AFP alerts lead to a repetition of the remaining Marcos days when blocking force upon blocking force were thrown around Malacañang for the rebels who never came?

War has no fixed terrain, says Sun Tzu. War is a great affair for a nation, the ground on which a nation grows or decays, the means by which a nation endures or dissolves.

Sun Tzu was talking of external wars. Unfortunately, the war over here involves Filipinos fighting Filipinos.

—ALFREDO O. CUENCA JR., 1947-C
Anonas St., Sta. Mesa, Manila

Stop automatic appropriation for debt service

N ORDER to finance the government's budget for 2004, the Macapagal administration will borrow anew nearly half a trillion pesos to cover for its budget deficit and to settle debt payment obligations. Debt payments alone amount to P270.7 billion and P271.5 billion, for principal and interest payments, respectively, or a total of P542.2 billion—a substantial 32 percent of the proposed budget for next year!

Clearly, we are once again made witness to the government's propensity to resort to borrowings in addressing budget deficit. The government borrows anew to pay for what is previously borrowed, thereby adding to the standing debts and causing it to borrow still more the next time. A quick-fix solution—virtually a "debt addiction"—which has been pulling us deeper into the quagmire of poverty by the increasing burden of debt.

By 2002, debt servicing of the national government on its foreign and domestic debts alone ate up over 60 percent of tax revenues. By giving top priority to debt service, the government is not only ignoring the needs of the poor by not providing the necessary provisions for health, education, housing, etc.; it is condemning them to a life of poverty.

We have been held hostage to the conditionalities imposed by our creditors through the hasty passage of flawed power and water privatization laws, resulting in higher and unjust rates increases notwithstanding the deteriorating quality of these services.

Thus, Freedom from Debt Coalition urgently demands for policy changes aimed at freeing the country from this addiction and its deterrent effects. Crucial to this is the repeal of the law for automatic appropriations on debt servicing as provided in PD 1177 (Section 31b) and the Revised Administrative Code of 1987 (Section 6, Book 6).

This anomalous law guarantees repayment of loans and thereby makes the country a desirable client to creditors regardless of the viability of the project to be financed or the possibility of fraud and corruption. It further gives priority to debt servicing regardless of the government's fiscal health over and above basic social services, not to mention the requirements for economic growth and development.

At present, several bills have been filed in both houses of Congress calling for the repeal of the anomalous law as well as for other reforms in debt servicing. Not one has gone into first reading. If they don't get enough attention and be able to hold ground before the 12th Congress closes, these bills will die a natural death. And the farther our people will be from the cure to this addiction. And the farther we will be to stability and genuine development.

—LIDY B. NACPIL, secretary general,
Freedom from Debt Coalition,
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Not time to change horses

THERE are rumors going about that Finance Secretary Isidro Camacho is going to resign.

This is a critical time for the Philippines. We have just gone through a rebellion that was watched all over the world. A rebellion that has raised the level of uncertainty about the country in the international business community, so this is not the time to be changing the people at the top.

One of the reassuring offsets to this heightened perception of instability has been the stability of the financial system. Secretary Camacho and Central Bank Governor Buenaventura have done an excellent job at stemming the excesses of the previous administration and bringing the necessary controls back into the financial system.

I am sure the President is aware of how important getting out a message of stability and continuity to the business and investment community is today, so she may like to consider coming out with a public statement squashing the rumors.

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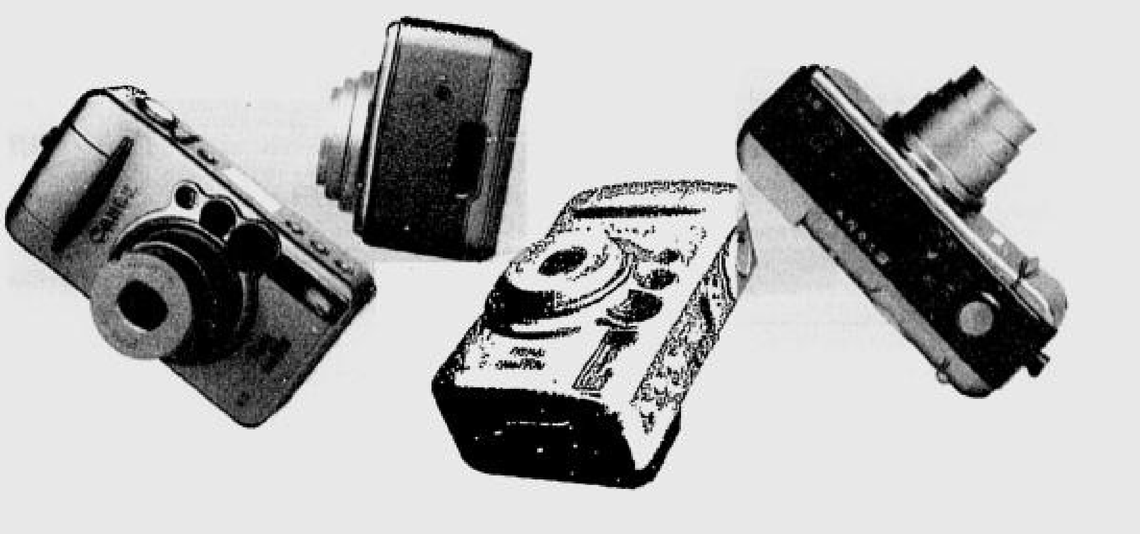

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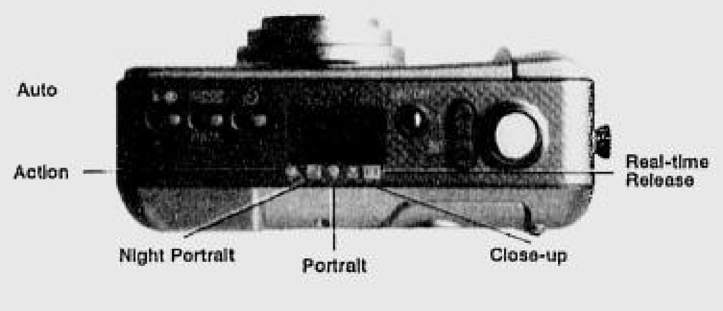

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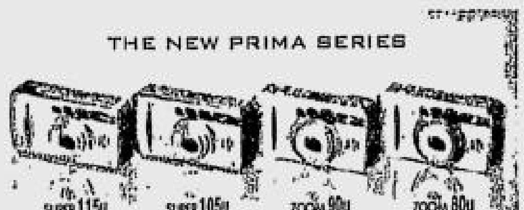

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From Adasen to Yogad

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

ADASEN is spoken in northeastern Abra province while Yogad is a language used in Echague, Isabela. They are among the 172 languages spoken in the Philippines and listed in the website of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), an organization of American linguists who try to track down the world's languages. They do this mainly to be able to translate the Bible but have, in the process, helped to preserve many languages.

The information on Philippine languages carried by the SIL website reminds us how diverse our linguistic situation is. We're talking here about languages, each one distinct from the other. While there are many shared words, say between Cebuano and Tagalog, there are enough differences such that the two languages are not mutually understandable. For example, if you dial a phone number in Cebu, someone is likely to ask you, "*Kinsa mani?*" a far cry from the Tagalog "*Sino ito?*" (Who is this?).

Many people still use the term "dialect" to refer to these languages but dialects are just variations of a language. For example, when the Spaniards colonized the Philippines there were areas where Spanish began to "mutate," mixing Spanish words with local ones, and transforming grammar and syntax rules until it became Chavacano. This creole (mixed) language, in turn, has several geographically based dialects. Besides, the most well-known Zamboangueno variety, SIL's website lists two Chavacano dialects for Cavite (Caviteqo and Ternateno), as well as Ermitano (Manila), Davawenyo and Cotobato versions.

Why are there so many languages in the Philippines? A clue could be the fact that the most number of Philippine languages are those spoken by Negritos, a partial sample of which would include Agta (Isarog), Agta (Mt. Iraya), Agta (Remontado), Ayta (Bataan), Ayta (Mag-anchi), Ayta (Sorsogon). The number of languages reflects the earlier nomadic lifestyles of the Negritos, with small bands splitting up as natural resources in one area diminished. As people moved and lost contact with their original community, their language evolved, developing into dialects and, with prolonged separation, into a new language.

Other non-Negrito groups also went through this process—people's migrations leading to new languages. Thus, even "Bikolano" actually refers to seven different languages: Albay Bicolano, Central Bicolano, Iriga Bicolano, Northern Catanduanes Bicolano, Southern Catanduanes Bicolano, Masbate Sorsogon (Sorsogon Bicolano) and Waray Sorsogon (Bikol Sorsogon).

Reading through the list, I had the feeling I was going through a list of endangered plant or animal species. Many Negrito languages have fewer than a hundred speakers left, with Ata listed as spoken by "nine or more families" in Mabinay, Negros Oriental. The entry ends with an ominous description: "Nearly extinct." Many other languages of indigenous peoples may also be disappearing. For example, Madukayang Kalinga in the Cordillera has 1,500 speakers while Ratagnon has 2,000, limited to the southern tip of Mindoro.

It was UP Professor Edru Abraham (of Kontra-gapi fame) who reminded me once, during a conversation, about the plight not just of indigenous people's languages but also of other "minor" languages. An example he gave was Kiniray-a, spoken in Iloilo and Antique provinces. When I mentioned the language recently in an anthropology class, several students asked where that was spoken. A SIL study estimates there were in 1994 some 377,000 Kiniray-a speakers, not a small number. Yet, many Filipinos are unaware of its existence.

These languages are often overshadowed by the language of a more dominant ethnolinguistic group. In the case of Kiniray-a, this would be Ilonggo. Younger Kiniray-a use less of their language because Ilonggo is perceived as a prestige language, associated with the more developed cities of Iloilo and Bacolod. Similar situations exist for other languages—younger Ibanag in Cagayan, for example, are losing knowledge of their language as they shift to Ilocano, Tagalog and English.

Like plant and animal species, the extinction of a language is a loss to humanity. We risk losing knowledge since each word and phrase in a language will have its own distinct meaning, different from all other languages. A language that goes extinct means we become poorer in the way we get to describe the world around us. INQUIRER's Frank Cimatu wrote, several years back, about a word for "ice" in one of the northern Cordillera languages. I lost track of the article but remember him pointing out that words like that should be integrated into Filipino. Instead, we stick to the Spanish-derived "yelo."

Let me give another example. The Department of Filipino at UP Diliman has a course that surveys the different literatures in our country. The course title is "*Suroy-Suroy sa Wika.*" *Suroy-suroy*, originally a Cebuano word—now supposedly adopted by Filipino—means leisurely traveling around, with connotations of strolling. Notice how many English words I had to use to translate the term?

We need to record all these languages and encourage their use in homes and schools. As an ethnic Chinese, I would even bat for recording the way the Minnan Hokkien language is used by local Chinese, which has over time developed several geographically based dialects with differences in words and intonation. The Chinese in Cebuano areas, for example, often use "man" to end a sentence, even when speaking Minnan Hokkien, as the Cebuano do.

Some of you might argue, well, we need to develop one national language so it's just as well that the smaller ones die out. But there is no contradiction involved here. In developing a national language, we need to encourage the continuing usage of other languages, recognizing them as part of our national heritage. As things stand, we dodder along with anemic efforts to develop a national language, even as our other languages begin to disappear. My worst nightmare is that our national language will be a clumsy and pathetic Taglish drawing mainly from American English slang.

Even as we develop our national language, we should pay more attention to all our other languages, appreciating each of them for the stories, experiences, values and aspirations they tell of different peoples. Languages are time capsules helping us to link ourselves to the past and to the future. The more of our local languages we appreciate, the more we might learn about ourselves—why we remain so divided, as well as how we might overcome those divisions and move toward nationhood.

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Return of Balangiga Bells must correct a historic error

THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer recently reported the possible return to the Philippines of at least one of the bells of Balangiga, Samar pursuant to a United States Congress Resolution that urged President Bush to give us back the bells.

This is a significant historic gesture by the United States and I hope it happens during President Bush's visit in October. However, to make this gesture genuinely meaningful, the United States, through the US Army, must also correct a serious error in its accounts on the American colonization of the Philippines.

I was a member of the Philippine Senate when I visited the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1990 to inspect the bells of Balangiga. The inscription on the bronze marker read: "*These bells came from a church in Balangiga, Samar, located in the Philippine Islands. The ringing of these bells signaled the attack of Bolo Tribesmen on Sunday morning, the 28th of September, 1901, in which Company 'C' of the Ninth US Infantry was massacred.*"

This inscription perpetrates a historic distortion of the American colonial invasion of the Philippines, giving the impression that the Balangiga incident was similar to the US army's encounters with tribesmen with no constitution nor organized national polity.

The Balanginga attack, led by Capt. Eugenio Daza and Capt. Valeriano Abanador, was done by guerilla and civilian irregulars, part of the rear guard forces of Gen. Vicente Lukban, the military governor of the Leyte-Samar region of the Aguinaldo government. Balangiga was part of the nascent Philippine Republic under the Malolos Constitution, the first Constitutional government in Asia.

The return of the bells must clarify that part of the history. The US government will return one bell but will leave the other in Wyoming. The marker to be left in Wyoming must be rectified to correct a historic error.

Let us welcome the return of the bell, but these relics of our struggle must speak the truth. The Philippine-American war, not the Filipino insurrection, put an end to the life of the first Republic in Asia.

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Bush to attend Apec meet despite threat

BANGKOK—US President George W. Bush has confirmed he will attend a Pacific summit here in October even though alleged terror chief Hambali had been planning to attack the meeting before his arrest, Thailand said Monday.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said Thailand would do its utmost to ensure the safety of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) meeting which will bring together 21 world leaders.

"I have had a conversation with President Bush over the telephone, he thanked me and said he appreciated Thailand's cooperation in working to wipe out terrorism and he said he looked forward to coming here," he told reporters. "As the host country we have to do our utmost (to maintain security)."

US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage warned Sunday that the Apec meeting was still at risk despite Hambali's arrest in the central city of Ayutthaya a week ago.

Thaksin has said the attack was intended to target US interests in Thailand, and that Hambali's followers had inspected US sites as well as Apec meeting venues in an operation planned and paid for by Hambali.

The premier has also insisted that with the capture of the top leader of the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) terror network, the group has been completely wiped out in the kingdom. Hambali is believed to be an ally of al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.

On Monday, Thaksin rejected a report in the Bangkok Post that five of Hambali's followers were still at large in and around Bangkok.

"I want to reject the report that more JI members are still planning an action in Thailand," he said.

Hambali is believed to have crossed into Thailand from neighboring Laos on a fake Spanish passport, reportedly using a visa obtained for him by a subordinate.

The premier vowed to crack down on corrupt immigration police at border checkpoints and the flourishing trade in phony passports and under-the-counter visas which is centered on the backpacker district of Khao San Road.

"There are many brokers in the Khao San road who can obtain visas for foreigners without showing themselves to authorities," he said. "The immigration screening system must be intensified."

National police chief General Sant Sarutanond said that three immigration policemen attached to a checkpoint in the Muslim-majority south bordering Malaysia had been sacked on corruption charges.

An investigation of the checkpoint found the officers had taken bribes from foreigners in return for visas which they did not qualify for, he said. *AFP*

HAMBALI

Malaysia says Hambali wife has info on JI

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia—The Malaysian wife of captured terror suspect Hambali may be an important witness to the activities of the al-Qaida-linked network he is accused of leading, the country's deputy leader said Monday.

"We believe that Hambali's wife may have useful information for us," Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi told reporters. "She is certainly important as far as we are concerned."

Noralwizah Lee Abdullah, 33, was arrested Aug. 11 with her husband in Thailand and handed to Malaysian authorities who brought her to a secret location. Police say she has crucial information about Hambali's activities, his associates and their whereabouts.

Abdullah, who is also the home minister responsible for police, said Noralwizah would be held for questioning, possibly under a tough security law that allows indefinite detention without trial.

Inspector General of Police Norian Mai said Malaysia would share any information obtained from Noralwizah with intelligence agencies in other Southeast Asian nations in order to cripple militant activities.

"We will try to get more information from her, as she has been together with Hambali and may have the vital information needed by us," Norian was quoted as saying by the national news agency, Bernama.

Malaysian authorities are playing a key role in the hunt for suspected members of the Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist network accused in a string of bombings and plots in Southeast Asia.

Hambali, an Indonesian whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, is the group's alleged operations chief, and is accused of masterminding last year's nightclub blasts that killed 202 people on the Indonesian island of Bali and other bombings.

Thailand handed Hambali to US authorities on Wednesday. He was taken out of Thailand but his whereabouts are unknown.

Noralwizah is a Malaysian citizen who married Hambali in the early 1990s after they met at a rural Malaysian religious school. *AP*

4 rebels killed, 7 hurt in Aceh

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia—Police shot dead four separatists in Aceh province on Indonesia's Independence Day at the weekend, while seven civilians were hurt in a bomb blast blamed on the rebels, the military said Monday.

Free Aceh Movement (GAM) rebels attacked a police post in the Aceh Jaya district on Independence Day Sunday and four of them were killed, the military said in a statement.

The rebels were also suspected of planting a bomb which exploded in the town of Lhokseumawe in North Aceh district, injuring seven civilians, Aceh military spokesperson Ahmad Yani Basuki said.

The device exploded not far from a field where a crowd was watching music performances as part of celebrations to mark the 58th anniversary of Indonesia's independence from Dutch colonial rule.

Several cars were also damaged.

"The blast is believed to have been caused by a low-explosive, home-made bomb placed by the GAM," Basuki said.

A clash was also reported in North Aceh's Samtalira Bayubut subdistrict, but there were no casualties, and three bombs were found separately, the military said.

On the same day, troops arrested a suspected rebel in Peusangan subdistrict, while rebels shot at a passing car in Nagan Raya without causing casualties, the statement said.

Three rebels were shot dead in a military raid in North Aceh's Muara Dua subdistrict on Saturday when rebels were accused of abducting four officials from two villages in Pidie district, the military said.

Independence Day was held amid tight security Sunday after warnings of possible attacks to coincide with the celebrations.

The government on May 19 launched a massive military campaign to wipe out the GAM which has been fighting for independence in Aceh since 1976. *AFP*

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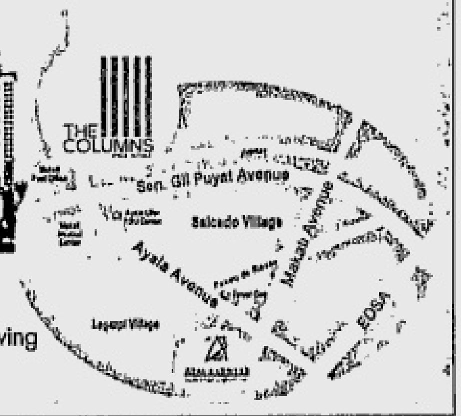


KILLING GOURNALISTS

THIS March 20, 2002 photo shows Palestinian cameraman Mazen Dana working for the British news agency Reuters during a demonstration calling for an end to the killing of journalists by the Israeli Army in the West Bank town of Hebron. AFP

American troops in Iraq admit killing Reuters photojournalist

BAGHDAD—The US Army acknowledged Monday that it had killed a television journalist after soldiers had mistaken his camera for a rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

Reuters cameraman Mazen Dana, 41, was videotaping outside the prison hours after the attack when US soldiers shot him. He was the 17th news organization employee to be killed since [illegible]ar began.

The videotape in Dana's camera show[illegible] tanks coming [illegible]ward him. Two shots were fired, apparently from the tanks, and Dana fell to the ground. His body was taken away by a US helicopter.

"We saw a tank 50 meters away, I heard six shots and Mazen fell to the ground," Dana's driver Munzer Abbas said.

One of the soldiers started shouting at us, but when he knew we were journalists, he softened. One of the soldiers told us they thought Mazen carrying a rocket-propelled grenade."

"There were many journalists around. They knew we were journalists. This was not an accident," Abbas said.

A US military official said on condition of anonymity that American soldiers saw Dana from a distance and mistook him for an Iraqi guerril[illegible] opened fire. When the sol[illegible]loser, they realized Dana was a jo[illegible]ist, the official said.

"This is clearly another tragic incident, it is extremely regrettable," Central Command spokesperson Sgt. Maj. Lewis Matson said.

Stephen Jukes, Reuters' global head of news, said, "Mazen was one of Reuters' finest cameramen and we are devastated by his loss."

The killing of Mazen came as a new group of resistance fighters—the Iraqi National Islamic Resistance Movement—said in a videotaped aired on the Al-Jazeera television network that they would battle the occupying troops even if the US-led coalition helped Iraq recover from war.

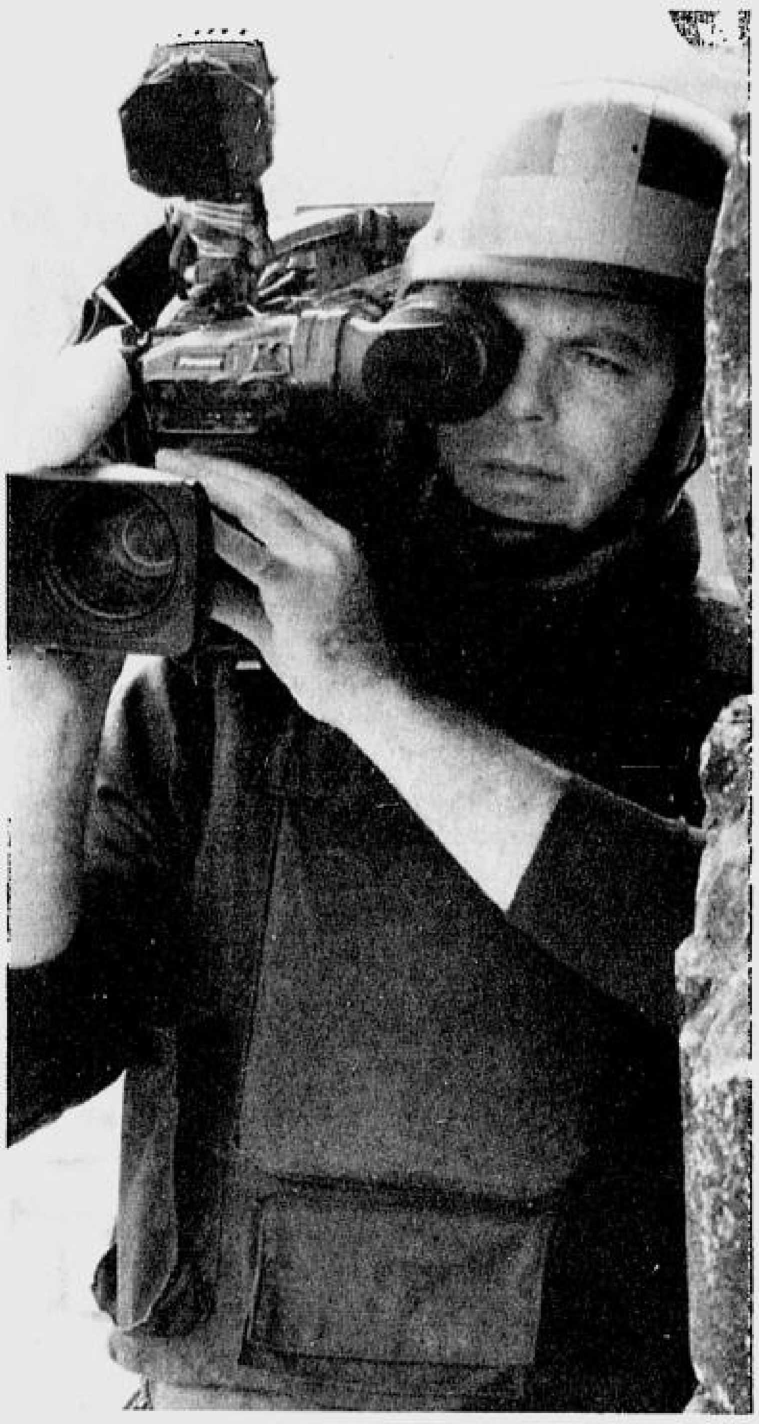
"This resistance is not a reaction to the American provocations against the Iraqi people or to the shortage of services, as some analysts believe . . . but to kick out the occupiers as a matter of principle," a man read from a statement.

He sat with several other men holding grenade launchers and Kalashnikov automatic rifles. All had their faces covered with checkered head scarves.

In new violence, a mortar attack on a Baghdad prison being used by the United States killed six Iraqis and injured about 60.

The motivation for the attack on the prison was unclear. Abu Ghraib, where Saddam's regime executed political prisoners and others, is being used by Iraq's US occupiers to house high-security criminals. US troops at and near the prison have been attacked in past months.

US troops shut down a major bomb-making facility near Tikrit, arresting two people, Lt. Col. Steve Russell of the 4th Infantry Division said. Troops seized C-4 plastic explosives, mortars, automatic rifles and other equipment. AP



THIS Oct. 18, 2001 photo shows Dana in action in the West Bank city of Hebron. AFP

Sabotage leaves Baghdad waterless

BAGHDAD—Hundreds of thousands of sweltering Baghdadis faced another day without running water Monday after sabotage of a key water pipe in the east of the capital that came amid a spate of deadly attacks across Iraq.

With summer temperatures hovering around 50 degrees Celsius (122 F), up to 300,000 people were without drinking water for a second scorch[illegible]

And with [illegible]astructure and increasing lawlessness in parts of Baghdad, the water shortage was likely to further wear down Iraqi patience with the occupying coalition forces.

The water-pipe attack on Sunday morning sent thousands of liters gushing into the streets of the eastern Baghdad suburb of Rasafa.

Floods in some streets created impromptu swimming pools for many Iraqis baking in the relentless heat.

Although engineers from Baghdad's water company had stopped the gushing water by Monday morning, supplies had still not been returned to many homes in the area, resident[illegible]id.

The repair operation was being aided by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which lent machin[illegible] an[illegible]ping tools.

There [illegible]usion over what [illegible] the pipe to blow.

[illegible] ICRC spokesperson said a rocket-propelled grenade hit the 1.6-meter diameter pipe at an open-air section near where the supply links the Sabah Missan pumping station with Rasafa.

But a local police officer said the blast was caused by an explosive placed under the pipe.

"We heard an explosion at 7:30 a.m., and when we arrived on the scene we found a 40-cm wide hole in the pipe and water flowing out on to the road and around," policeman Majid Hamid said. AFP

Mediators hope for peace accord sig[illegible] in Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia—Mediators hoped a power-sharing accord would be signed by late Monday, cementing progress toward peace after warlord-president Charles Taylor left and rebels lifted 10 weeks of deadly sieges of the capital.

Progress at peace talks in Accra, Ghana, which have been repeatedly sidelined by fighting in Liberia, came after the lead rebel movement dropped a condition that had threatened to scuttle the talks.

The rebel group, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, yielded on a demand for one of the highest posts in the interim power-sharing government, meant to lead Liberia for two years.

"We want to prove to the entire world that this whole thing is not about LURD wanting power," said George Dweh, a leader of the rebel delegation, announcing the concession Sunday.

West African mediators had threatened to suspend the talks for a month unless rebels gave way on their demands for the post, the vice chairmanship.

Liberia's post-Taylor government and the country's second rebel group already have agreed not to seek the very top jobs in the interim government.

With the compromise, talks negotiators tentatively set a 6 p.m. signing ceremony for the peace accord.

The deal would call for current President Moses Blah to cede power by October, handing control over the interim government, which would see Liberia through elections.

Taylor handed over power to Blah when he resigned Aug. 11, heading into exile in Nigeria under pressure from West African leaders, the United States, and the rebel offensives.

The two rebel movements and the government would be shut out of the top administration of chairman and vice chairmanship, but have a share of Cabinet posts and legislative seats.

Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, the former Nigerian junta leader mediating the talks, said he hoped "all the parties will sign a comprehensive peace agreement" Monday. AP

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HK Catholics condemn gay activists

HONG KONG—Hong Kong's Roman Catholic Church denounced gay rights protesters Monday for disrupting a Mass and complained of a slow police response. "Catholics have long respected the freedom of speech, but we vehemently object to such cruel action infringing the rights of our followers," the Hong Kong diocese said in a statement. No arrests were made after Sunday's protest. Police officials were looking into the complaint. On Sunday, eight activists struggled with Church officials and six of them shouted slogans at worshippers for about 10 minutes during a Mass at the Hong Kong Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Two female demonstrators also kissed inside the church. AP

One in 37 US adults incarcerated

WASHINGTON—About one in every 37 US adults was either imprisoned at the end of 2001 or had been incarcerated at one time, the government says. The 5.6 million people with "prison experience" represented about 2.7 percent of the adult population of 210 million as of Dec. 31, 2001, said the report, released Sunday. The study by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics looked at people who served a sentence for a crime in state or federal prison, not those temporarily held in jail. The study is the first to measure the prevalence of prison time among American adults. Last month, the bureau reported that a record 2.1 million people were in federal, state or local custody at the end of 2002. AP

6 killed in Taliban raid

KABUL—About 200 Taliban fighters attacked a district headquarters in southeastern Afghanistan and killed three government soldiers, a day after militants killed six troops in same area, police said on Monday. They also kidnapped four soldiers in the attack in Terwah district in the province of Paktika late on Sunday, provincial police chief Dawlat Khan said. "They burnt down the building completely," Khan said by satellite phone [illegible] Paktika. "They apparently killed three soldiers a[illegible] others with them." Reuters

Priest wh[illegible]ed for T[illegible] kids dead

BANGKOK—[illegible] Raymond Brennan, [illegible] American Roman Catholic priest who cared [illegible] abandoned children [illegible] years at an orphanage he founded in Thailand, has died of heart failure, his publicist said Monday. He was 70. Brennan, born into a dev[illegible] Irish Catholic family in a poor neighborhood of C[illegible]ago, Illinois, died [illegible]day at a Bangkok hospital, a public relations firm representing his orphanage said in a statement. Brennan was a highly respected figure in the Thai seaside town of Pattaya where he had lived and worked since 1972 for children and other destitute Thais, said the statement. Pattaya is 110 km south of Bangkok. Fondly known as Father Ray, Brennan joined the missionary Redemptorists and was ordained on July 2, 1959, a year before he was posted to Thailand where he had expected to stay for only one or two years. AP

5-week-old baby latest victim of Sydney violence

SYDNEY—Her skull fractured, 5-week-old Elizabeth Nunes is a tiny victim of crime in a city where fears of rising gang violence in its poorer suburban fringes belies the beautiful postcard image of its harborside heart.

Her father Jeremy Nunes carried her in a harness close to his chest as he walked home from a friend's house in the southern beachside suburb of Maroubra last Thursday.

Without warning a gang leapt from a car and then beat and kicked him to the ground as he tried to cradle his infant daughter from the blows.

On Monday, Elizabeth was in a hospital recovering from severe head injuries and the seizures brought on be her ordeal. Her father's face was covered in bruises and grazes.

The attack sparked outrage across Sydney, a city of 4 million and Australia's largest.

Residents told talk radio stations that it was no longer safe to walk the streets of some neighborhoods.

Rozita Leoni, of a community lobby group leader, said gangs of males in their teens and early 20s were robbing people and intimidating shopkeepers and families in broad daylight.

"They get full of drugs or alcohol on Thursday, Friday and Saturday... we have this reign of terror," she said. "There's always been a generation of youth, it's just that this generation of youth now are very vicious, they have no conscience... they're dealing drugs openly, they're bashing people."

State crime experts, however, insist that Elizabeth's assault was an isolated incident.

"We haven't seen any increase in assaults in any area of Sydney in the past 24 months," said Jackie Fitzgerald, a manager at the Bureau of Crime Research and Statistics for New South Wales state, of which Sydney is the capital.

"We're certainly not on the back of any crime wave. There will always be horrific incidents of crime, but they don't necessarily represent an upward trend."

She said that during the past two years assault levels had been stable, while cases of armed and unarmed robbery have dropped significantly. AP

5,000 heat-related deaths 'plausible'

PARIS—France's embattled health minister acknowledged Monday that it is [illegible] "plausible" hypothesis that up to 5,000 people could [illegible] from the effects of a [illegible]ering heat wave.

Facing calls for his resigna[illegible] over the handling of the [illegible] Jean-Francois Mattei said, however, that the final death toll would not be known for "several weeks."

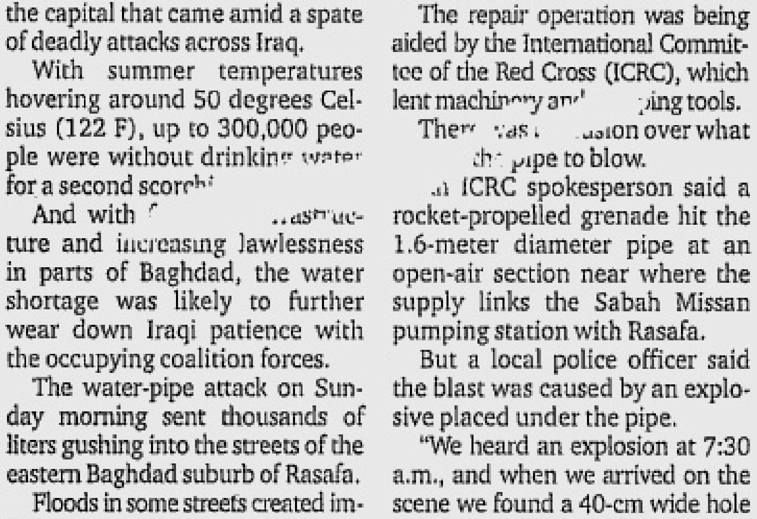
The ministry has estimated that 1,600 to 3,000 people—mostly elderly—had died from heat-related causes starting Aug. 7. Many of the deaths resulted from heat stroke or dehydration, doctors said.

Last week, Patrick Pelloux, the head of France's emergency physicians' association and a leading critic of the government's response, said the figure could be as high as 5,000.

"It's a hypothesis—it's plausible—but it's only a hypothesis," Mattei told RTL radio on Monday, referring to that estimate.

Doctors' groups and the Social[illegible] opposition have taken aim a[illegible] [illegible]vernment of Prime Minis[illegible] Jean-Pierre Raffarin, saying [illegible] not react quickly enough to the prospect of heat-related deaths. One top Socialist lawmaker, Arnaud Montebourg, has indicated he believed Mattei should resign.

But lawmakers from the ruling UMP coalition have blamed a law enacted by Socialists when they were in power that limits France's working week to 35 hours. They say the law left medical centers and hospitals short-staffed at the height of the crisis. AP



NEW DOMINO RECORD

Ma Lihua, a 24-year-old woman from China, tips over 303,621 dominos in Singapore on Monday, breaking a longstanding record for the world's longest solo domino topple. She broke a 19-year-old record set by Germany's Klaus Friedrich who had toppled 281,581 dominoes. The "dominologist" said she put in 13-hour days for nearly seven weeks to lay out the dominos. REUTERS

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NPA kills another top Catanduanes cop

LEGAZPI—This island province has started to lose its status as the country's most peaceful province after a series of ambushes was launched by fully armed men believed to be recruits of the New People's Army (NPA) against police authorities, the latest victim of which was the province's deputy police chief himself.

Catanduanes deputy police director Chief Inspector Loreto Tablizo was killed on Sunday afternoon by a group of heavily armed men, believed to be members of the NPA, in front of the Catanduanes coliseum after a major cockfighting event in this town 5 p.m. Sunday.

He was rushed to the Eastern Bicol Medical Center in Virac town but was pronounced dead at 5:55 p.m. due to multiple bullet wounds. One bullet from a cal. .45 pistol hit him in the left eyebrow and others in the chest, head and belly.

Tablizo was the second top police official in Catanduanes killed by suspected NPA members in a span of a few days.

On Thursday last week, SPO2 Pedro Roselyn, chief investigator of the Pandan police, was also killed in an ambush in Caramoan town.

On Friday the house of a certain Major Alberto, commandant of the Catanduanes State College ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps), was allegedly attacked by the NPA, but the commandant was not at home during the attack.

Witnesses said at least eight armed men shot Tablizo while he was waiting for a ride.

It was a shooting spree, according to the police since a fish vendor, who witnessed the attack, was even slightly hit by a stray bullet in the back.

Grieved by the attack, Catanduanes police director Senior Supt. Walberto Mandin told the INQUIRER that Tablizo was a victim of NPA's intensified campaign tagged as "agaw-armas."

"It's their training for their neophytes to acquire arms for their own while being led by veteran hit men imported from mainland Bicol," he said.

He said the suspects failed to take Tablizo's service firearm as he was defended by his bodyguard, who was able to fire back at the rebels.

Only one slug from a cal. .45 was recovered by policemen.

Regional police director chief Supt. Jaime Lasar said the Bicol police are now hunting the perpetrators. The police also set up checkpoints. *Gil Francis Arevalo and Ronnie Lorejo PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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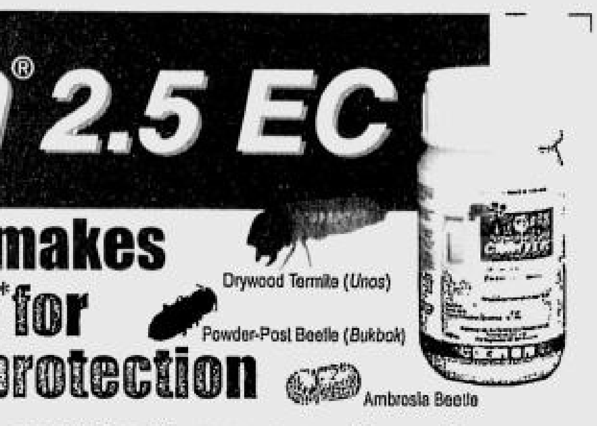

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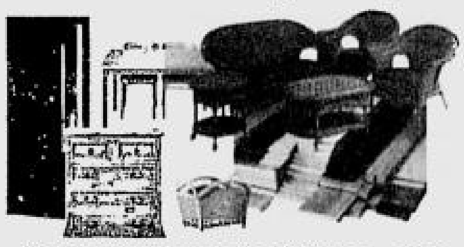

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Gov sees development answer to guerrillas

DUMAGUETE CITY—The provincial government here placed rebel-infested barangays in Negros Oriental as priority areas for development.

Gov. George Arnaiz said he believed that military solution is not the only way to solve the insurgency problem and the province has been working with other government officials especially in the northern part of the province to bring some projects in the hinterland villages where many people are disgruntled with the government.

As a take-off point, Arnaiz said the Provincial Agriculturist Office (PAO) is in the process of installing the Barangay Agricultural Development Centers in barangays Planas, Imelda and Humay-humay of Guihulngan town, some 117 kilometer north of here.

Authorities have earlier identified many of the hinterland villages of Guihulngan, Vallahermoso, and Canlaon City as rebel infested areas, according to the governor.

Arnaiz, however, said the province has very limited resources and could not immediately implement big projects in many places simultaneously.

He said they decided to have the projects implemented first in Guihulngan since the province and the town's officials have already agreed to pursue joint projects.

The governor said he would soon be asking the provincial board to appropriate some P3 million for road construction and waterwork projects in the villages of Planas and Imelda. *Romy Amarado, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Lapid confirms mayoral bid, registers in Angeles City

ANGELES CITY—Pampanga Gov. Manuel Lapid on Monday registered as a voter here, confirming that it was a step to his plan to seek the mayoral seat in next year's elections despite moves by the opposition to derail his bid.

Lapid, who will turn 48 on Aug. 21, signed up at 11:20 a.m. at the Commission on Elections office here. Mayor Carmelo Lazatin accompanied the governor.

Lazatin had announced that he would not run for his third and final term to give way to Lapid's candidacy.

Wearing a red shirt, Lapid was also followed by a coterie of supporters, mostly barangay captains in the city.

As he lined up for his turn for the computerized registration, Lapid, speaking to reporters in Filipino, said he saw "no problem about my registration in Angeles."

Section 117 of the Omnibus Election Code states that "every citizen of the Philippines, not otherwise disqualified by law, 18 years of age or over, who shall have resided in the Philippines for one year and in the city or municipality wherein he proposes to vote for at least six months immediately preceding the election, may be registered as a voter."

The law, however, requires a politician seeking an elective position to establish at least a year of residency in the area where he or she wishes to run, Lapid said.

By April 15, 2004, when Sto. Domingo barangay captain Angelito Caparas certifies Lapid as having a "permanent place of residence" in the city, the governor would have completed the one-year residency requirement.

The certification came after the governor bought a piece of land at the L & S Subdivision in the city on April 15.

Comelec personnel did not prohibit Lapid from registering.

As this developed, an organization called Alyansa Ayaw sa Artista had shaped up in the city to stop movie actors like Lapid from seeking elective posts.

The spokespersons of the group have yet to come out in public to openly resist the entry of entertainment personalities in local politics.

Lapid also asked the Regional Trial Court in the City of San Fernando, 15 kilometer south of here, to deny the injunction sought by lawyer and former Bacolor Mayor Ananias Canlas Jr. against him.

Canlas, chair of the opposition Buklod Kapampangan, asked the court to remove Lapid from office for lack of residency in Pampanga.

He said Lapid's transfer of residence from Porac town to Angeles City in April violated the terms of the Local Government Code of 1991. Angeles City, chartered in the 1960s, is not within the administrative jurisdiction of Lapid, Canlas said.

Provincial legal officer Filmer Abrajano, in a reply to the court, said Canlas was "not a real party in interest" or somebody who would benefit or be injured by the judgment on the case. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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Sayyaf bandits strike again, take 3 van passengers hostage

KIAMBA, Sarangani—Suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits robbed a public utility van bound for General Santos City in the outskirts of this town early morning yesterday and took as hostage the driver and three female passengers, the military said.

One of the three female hostages was identified as Imelda Gravino, a student from General Santos City.

Gravino and her unidentified female companion came here to attend the fiesta celebration.

Reports said the van was cruising the national highway in Barangay Puago when three fully armed suspects flagged it down around 4 a.m.

After divesting the passengers of their money and valuables, the suspects took the hostages and withdrew toward the hinterlands.

As of yesterday afternoon, none of the victims had been freed.

Police and military operatives have launched a manhunt and rescue operation.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Yano, commander of the Army's 601st Infantry Brigade, told the INQUIRER it was possible the suspects were part of a large number of Abu Sayyaf gunmen, who landed in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat on July 5.

Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani reportedly led the bandit group.

Yano said Janjalani and his group joined forces with Alo Binago, leader of the local kidnap group Abu Sufia.

Last week, intelligence sources revealed that the Abu Sayyaf bandits were sighted near Barangay Ticulab in nearby Maitum town. *Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Hacked to death

BALANGA CITY—A village guard in Bagac town was hacked and killed while he was pacifying a group of teenagers on Friday night. Police identified the victim as Aurelio Gabriel, 57, of Barangay Tabing-ilog, Bagac. The suspect, Danilo Malacos, used a bolo in hacking Gabriel, who died instantly due to hack wounds. Malacos fled.

Greg Refraccion, PDI Central Luzon Desk

2 killed in smashup

BALAGTAS, Bulacan—A driver and his helper were killed early Thursday when their dump truck smashed into another dump truck along the North Luzon Expressway in Barangay Burol. Romeo Cortez, 32, driver, and Virgilio Manusig, 28, both of Porac, Pampanga, died before reaching the Bulacan Polymedic Hospital in Guiguinto town. Police said the victims were traveling along the expressway shortly before 4 a.m. when the truck in front of them suddenly swerved to the left to avoid hitting another vehicle. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

6 fishermen missing

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—Six fishermen from Morong, Bataan, have been reported missing since July 13, an official of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) ecology center said on Tuesday. Ameth de la Llana, SBMA ecology center department head, said barangay officials of Mabayo in Morong have relayed the information on the missing fishermen to their office. She said the officials have sought their help to locate Allan Menes, 32; Pedro Caraga, 31; Danilo Abistros, 41; Alfredo Valdinar, 45; Rodolfo Menes Jr., 23; and Armando Garanca, 19. The fishermen were aboard a four-cylinder, 40-foot motorized banca with the marking "King Cedrick."

Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk

P1.2M bank heist

BAGUIO CITY—Robbers broke into a bank in Bauko, Mt. Province, and took P1.2 million from the bank's vault on Sunday. Supt. Charlo Collado, chief of the intelligence and investigation division of the Cordillera police, said the suspects used an acetylene torch to open the vault of the Rural Bank of Buguias. Collado said they would investigate bank officials for the supposed lapses in security, even if the robbery occurred on a non-working day. The robbery was discovered on Sunday morning. Collado said three men robbed a gasoline station in Tabuk, Kalinga, also on Sunday. The robbers took P10,000 but two of them were later arrested after a gunfight with the police.

Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Cadet kicked out

SAN NARCISO, Zambales—Officials of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy here expelled a senior cadet after he was found guilty of hazing. Capt. Fidel Dinoso, PMMA president, identified the expelled cadet as Rony Gendrano, who was removed from the school on Aug. 1. Dinoso said their investigation found Gendrano guilty of beating up freshman cadet Julio Moreno III, 17, in July. Gendrano is also facing a case of serious physical injuries at the municipal circuit court, according to Senior Insp. Lilia Guerrero, town police chief. Moreno was taken to the President Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Hospital in Iba town on July 23 and was operated on immediately after he was diagnosed to be suffering from serious internal bleeding. *Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Vehicular accident

TAGAYTAY CITY—A Laguna councilor is facing criminal and civil charges after the vehicle she was driving fell into a ravine on Casili Road, Dapdapin that resulted in the death of one person and injuries to three others on Sunday. Police said a Toyota Revo driven by councilor Susan Cruz of Barangay Landayan, San Pedro, Laguna fell in a ravine. Joyce Kulfereca was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Injured were Ryan Sylon, 19, and Marivic Vasquez, student, both residing at Villa Paz Ville, Landayan, and Erwin Kulfereca, 24. *Fausto Tatad Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Male body found

CABUYAO, Laguna—A man's corpse was found inside a green steel drum along an irrigation road in Barangay San Isidro on Sunday morning. Cabuyao police chief Supt. Renato Valencia said also found inside the drum was a piece of paper with the words written in Filipino: "I'm a drug pusher. Don't be like me." Police said the man was 5'4" tall, aged 30-35, medium built and wearing a black t-shirt and fatigue shorts. Valencia said there are no known drug pushers in their area. Also found inside the drum were blue jeans and pictures of the victim.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Toy gun kills girl

DARAGA, Albay—A farmer in Barangay Anislag is now behind bars after he fired a toy gun that led to the death of his 4-year old niece. Daraga police chief Senior Supt. Genesius Molto identified the victim as Rosemary de Asis. He said while Efren De Asis was in a drinking spree with the girl's father and his brother Benjamin in the victim's backyard in Anislag, he showed his improvised toy gun. De Asis was demonstrating how he made it appear and fire like a real gun. When he fired the gun, the bullet went straight to Rosemary's head that caused her death. Molto pushes for the filing of an illegal possession of firearms case against Efren, saying that under the Firearms Law, any improvised toy or instrument that can fire is considered a gun even though it has the structure of a toy. *Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Con men fall

DARAGA, Albay—Police last week arrested two members of an extortion syndicate whose members posed as reporters, military and police intelligence agents and as veterans' representatives in luring their victims. Daraga police chief Senior Supt. Genesius D. Molto identified the arrested syndicate members as Norberto Danao, 35, and Estanislao Briol, 42, both of Masbate City. Seized from them were two cellular phones, documents and fake ID cards and badges. Briol claimed to be an Army member and a journalist in Mindoro. He had an ID of radio station dwIM-AM in Calapan City. Danao said he was an intelligence officer of the Narcotics Intelligence Assistance Group. Their IDs and badges, however, were found to be fake, Molto said, while the offices they represented like the Nariag are non-existent.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Bodies of 2 drowned social workers found

KIDAPAWAN CITY—The cadaver of one of the two missing victims of Saturday's river tragedy in the Buliok Complex in Pikit, North Cotabato had been found.

Col. Ben Dolorfino, commander of the 2nd Marine Brigade, said divers scouring Barangay Kabulnan in nearby Pagalungan, Maguindanao, had fished out the body of Mike Borromeo of the Department of Social Welfare and Development late Sunday evening.

Initial reports said the cadaver of Theresa Marquez of the Save the Children Foundation had also been found.

But it turned out that there was some confusion in the transmittal of initial information.

Barangay Kabulnan is around 9-km downstream of Barangay Buliok, where the 20-seater speedboat, not a motorized banca as earlier reported, capsized on Saturday noon.

Dolorfino, who was leading the retrieval operation, said the Borromeo family and officials of the Social Welfare Office in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao headed by Undersecretary Bai Pombain Kader already claimed the victim's remains.

He said Borromeo's body "was still recognizable although it's been already bloated."

The victims were with a group of 14 people who were supposed to head to Barangay Bagoinged after an activity in Buliok concerning recently returned evacuees with Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman.

Cynthia Guerra, project officer of Save the Children Foundation who survived the incident, said all of the passengers of the watercraft were surprised when it suddenly overturned.

"While the water looked calm above the current was (very) strong under," she said. She was seated beside Marquez.

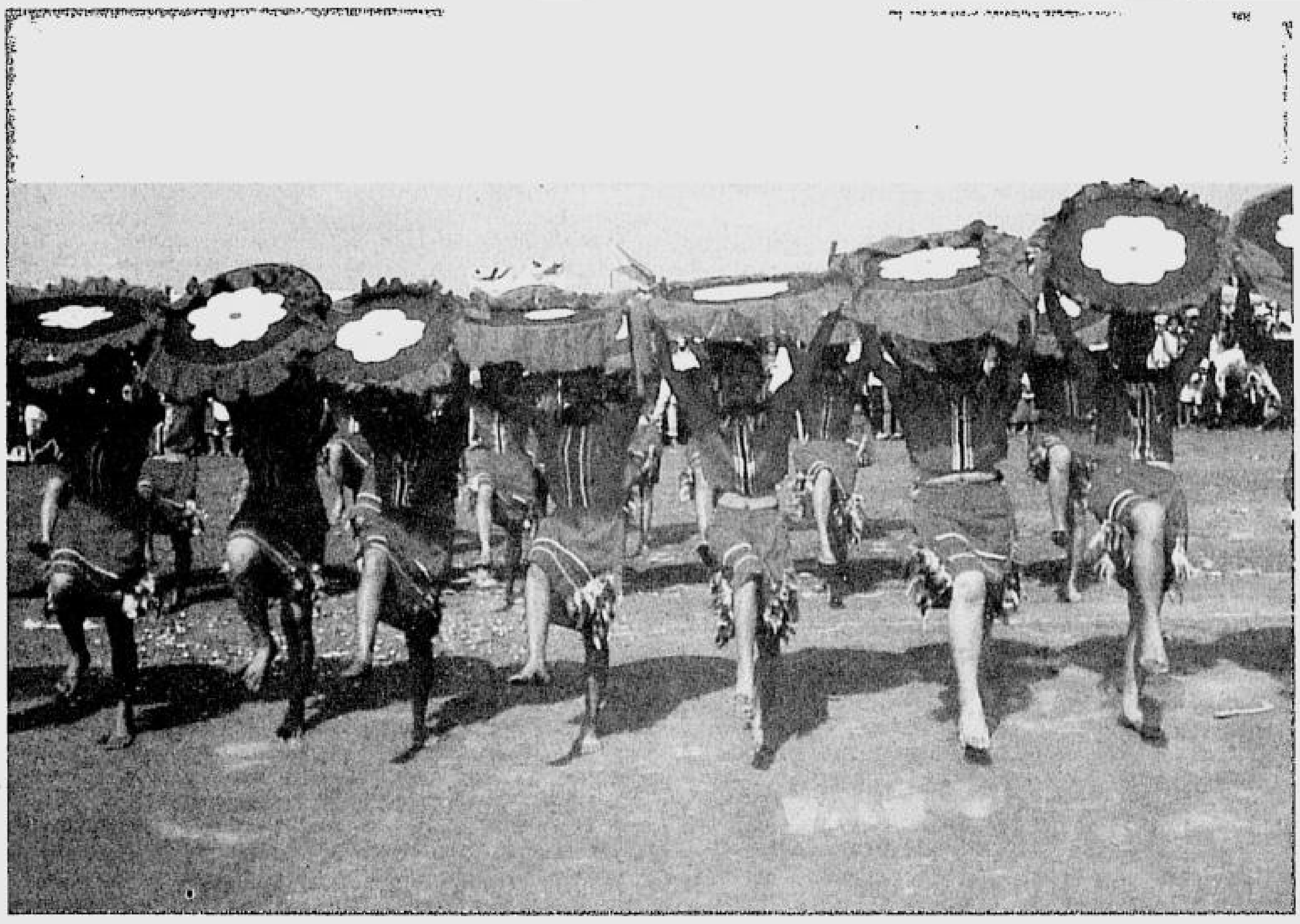
Dolorfino said the speedboat capsized after a man seated at its far end suddenly stood up.

But the other survivors said they noticed that the boat hit a bend or a hard object underneath before it overturned.

"It could be a crocodile crossing (the river) that the boat accidentally struck," one of them said.

The river is known as a haven of crocodiles.

Dolorfino said the speedboat, owned by the military, was huge, and "stable enough to withstand sea waves and the choppy waters of Celebes Sea. *Jeffrey Tupas with reports by Edwin Fernandez and Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Kidnap victim sees suspect, alerts cops

COTABATO CITY—A suspected member of a kidnap-for-ransom gang was arrested here on Friday after one of his victims, who recognized him after eight years, alerted police authorities.

Chief Insp. Ramonito Pachoco, police precinct 1 commander, identified the suspect as Pedrito Cinco.

Cinco, 42, was arrested on Jose Lim Street here after businessman Ernesto de los Santos identified him as one of the three gunmen who snatched him in Barangay Broce, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on Dec. 3, 1995.

Pachoco said the suspect was at a nearby department store when he was spotted by De los Santos, who immediately sought police assistance.

Cinco categorically denied the charges. He claimed to be an electronics technician of an appliance store here and an assistant pastor.

But De los Santos insisted that Cinco was the one who took his voice message where he asked relatives to prepare ransom in exchange for his freedom. *Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Groups seek more attention to indigenous folk's plight

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Various church and peasant groups here are calling for more attention to the plight of indigenous people on Panay Island.

In a forum on Friday, the groups spearheaded by the Church-Peasant Solidarity Network appealed for immediate food and medical assistance to indigenous communities in hinterland villages of Panay.

The groups were commemorating this year's International Day of Indigenous People on Aug. 8.

"The churches should respond to the immediate needs of these communities," said Rev. Frank Hernando, chair of the Promotion of Church People's Response on Panay Island.

Hernando appealed for immediate food donations like rice and canned goods for the communities mostly in Central Panay.

He said the communities also need medical assistance for illnesses like cough, tuberculosis and fever.

Residents of communities exposed to armed conflict between rebels and government troops also need psychosocial therapy, he added.

Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo said displacement due to ecological destruction, land grabbing and scarcity of food are forcing indigenous people such as the Ati to roam in the city streets and beg for food.

"Together, let us share resources and link hands in helping more of our indigenous people to experience hope . . .," said Lagdameo in a statement sent to the gathering.

Aileen Catamin, a member of the Tumandok group and village chief of Tacayan in Tapaz town, Capiz said many residents are suffering from hunger.

"Many of us eat rice once a day and have to make do it root crops," she said.

Catamin also scored the "intensifying military operations" on the hinterland villages, which she said caused fear among residents and disrupted their farming.

"How can we live normally when they come to our villages and sleep in our homes in their weekly operations?" said Catamin.

Cabbie accuses mayor of beating him up

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A taxi driver has accused Cebu City Mayor Tomas Osmeña of punching him in the jaw for double parking along Osmeña Boulevard on Sunday night.

Dominador Mulleon Jr., 21, of Barangay Bulacao-Pardo in this city, also claimed that the mayor was drunk and was holding a gun when Osmeña confronted him over his parking violation.

The mayor denied hitting the driver although he admitted that he was holding his 9 mm pistol when he talked to Mulleon.

He also belied allegations that he was drunk although he said he had a few glasses of red wine when he attended the fiestas of Barangays Camputhaw and Quiot.

"I am 185 pounds now. If I am going to hit him, you know he is going to be knocked down," Osmeña said.

Mulleon told SPO4 Franquilina Cenit, investigator of Fuente Police Station, that Osmeña punched his left jaw after he got out of his taxicab.

The mayor was mad because many taxicabs double-park along Osmeña Boulevard in front of Cebu Doctor's Hospital (CDH).

Mulleon said Osmeña scolded and ordered him to move his taxi. The mayor then slammed the door of the taxicab, hitting the driver's right hand.

He said he followed the mayor's instruction but Osmeña approached him again. When he went out of the taxicab, Mulleon said Osmeña hit him.

Another taxicab driver, Ronald Cabanero, supported Mulleon's statement during the investigation of the police.

Cenit, however, had doubts on Mulleon's statement.

She said the doctors at the Cebu City Medical Center, who attended to Mulleon, did not see marks or bruises in the area where the taxicab driver was allegedly hit.

There was nothing on Mulleon's right hand that would indicate that it was hit by a door.

Osmeña, for his part, said he was on his way home when he noticed about a dozen taxicabs double-parking from Fuente Osmeña up to CDH along Osmeña Boulevard.

He said he then asked the drivers to move their taxicabs. All except Mulleon followed the mayor's order, he added.

Irritated, Osmeña confronted Mulleon. But he clarified he did not punch the driver but merely "shoved" the driver's left shoulder using his left hand.

He said he then asked Mulleon's driver's license. He, however, decided to return the license after Mulleon cried.

Church worker killed by vigilante bullet

MATI, Davao Oriental—A 65-year-old worker of the Catholic Church here was killed when two wayward bullets fired by a suspected vigilante hitman on Thursday afternoon hit him.

Felicito Garcia was in the downtown area when a lone gunman was chasing Rommel Deypalubos, a drug suspect.

SPO4 Ernesto Bahan of the Mati police said the gunman immediately fired at Deypalubos as soon as he caught up with him.

Two of the bullets intended for the suspected pusher hit Garcia. The church worker died on the spot.

The Diocese of Mati decried Garcia's death and urged local government and police officials to "do something to stop the killings in the town, which include innocent people like church worker Felicito Garcia."

Prior to the shooting, suspected vigilantes killed at least four people in separate attacks.

Ferdinand Zuasola and Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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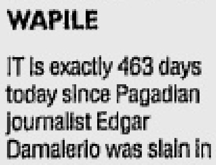

WAPILE

IT is exactly 463 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

General says local execs helping rebels

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—A ranking military official in Eastern Visayas has blamed the resurgence of insurgency in the region on the alleged cooperation extended by local chief executives to the rebels.

Major Gen. Glenn Rabonza, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division, said he received reports that local officials were giving in to the demand of the New People's Army (NPA) to provide them financial assistance.

Unless these officials stopped giving in to the rebels' extortion activities, he added, the insurgency problem in Eastern Visayas would not be solved no matter how hard government troopers pursued the rebels.

"How can we defeat this movement if those who are supposed to be on our side in our campaign are the very ones who are extending assistance and support to them," he told the INQUIRER.

"So it is not really a surprise if there is now a resurgence of NPA in the region," he added.

Rabonza said that during his recent meeting with 10 mayors of Samar, eight of them admitted giving support to the underground movement.

"According to them, they have no choice but to give support to these communist terrorists out of fear. *Hadlok hira* (they are afraid)," he said.

Rabonza, however, declined to identify these mayors. But he stressed that the mayors should not tolerate the rebels.

The meeting was initiated by the mayors, through Samar Rep. Eduardo Nachura, to assess the province's peace and order situation as well as to seek help from the military in fighting the rebels.

Rabonza said he promised to help the mayors but appealed to them to stop extending support to the rebels.

"If they keep on giving, this (insurgency) problem will not stop," he said.

A local chief executive of Eastern Samar confirmed the allegations made by Rabonza.

Mayor Noel Ram Montallana of Jipapad town told the INQUIRER that he gave money to the rebel movement out of fear that he might be harmed.

"As much as I don't want to give, I have no choice but accede to their demands. They said they will harm me," he said. He, however, declined to say how many times he gave money to the NPA.

Lack of info reason for gripes—Reyes

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes has admitted that the July 27 failed coup has highlighted some deficiencies in the military establishment.

"We have to examine the (Philippine Military Academy) curriculum *siguro* and find out what should be done *para* we are assured that we will not be producing coup plotters," he said on Saturday night.

Reyes was in Tagbilaran City, Bohol as one of the guests of the Philippine Councilors League-Central Visayas Congress.

The defense chief told the INQUIRER that there is a need "to reexamine the way we are disseminating information to our own troops so they are aware of what the government is doing for them."

"*Minsan kasi, akala nila walang ginagawa ang gobyerno para sa kanila* (Sometimes, they believe that the government is not doing anything for them)" he added.

Reyes said that despite the limited resources, the government is trying to do its best to attend to the welfare and needs of the soldiers.

Rotation

He also raised the need to examine the rotation of officers so that they do not stay long in a combat zone.

"*Baka magkaroon ng* combat fatigue eh (They might develop combat fatigue)," he noted.

As much as possible, Reyes said operations must be followed by rest and recreation and after that, training.

"*Di pwedeng* continuous combat (Continuous combat should not be allowed)," he stressed.

Reyes also defended President Macapagal-Arroyo who was accused of being arrogant by coup leader Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillianes.

"*Hindi naman siguro* arrogant (Maybe it is not being arrogant)," he said, pointing out that Ms Macapagal took time to talk with Trillianes.

"How can that be arrogance?" he asked.

Reyes was one of the targets of the Oakwood mutineers who demanded the resignation of the defense chief together with the resignation of President Macapagal.

Reyes had denied charges made by the mutineers that he was involved in the sale of government-issued ammunition to guerrillas.

"It's crazy, baseless," Reyes had said of the accusation.

PMAYER'S ASSESSMENT OF MUTINY

AFP brought to near total chaos

THE ENTIRE Armed Forces of the Philippines came close to disintegrating when rebel soldiers belonging to the so-called Magdalo group staged a mutiny in Makati on July 27, the head of the alumni association of the Philippine Military Academy said in a statement sent to the INQUIRER yesterday.

Director Avelino Razon, president of the PMA Alumni Association and chief of the Philippine National Police's directorate for human resources and doctrine development, said the mutineers broke the chain of command and endangered the military's discipline.

Razon said the breaking of the chain of command could have opened the floodgates to the emergence of renegade soldiers who are not accountable to their superior officers and could be lured into crimes like bank robberies, kidnappings and assassinations.

"Imagine dozens of fully armed soldiers who do not report to their superiors anymore, do not respect authority and do not follow the chain of command roaming the streets with their guns," said Razon.

"They wanted a breakdown of control of the (military) organization," he said.

He said the chain of command is essential to the armed forces because "it is the one thing that keeps the armed forces intact."

"You cannot have an armed forces that is ruled by officers with the mentality of warlords who would leave camp and take over civilian areas just to air their gripes," said Razon.

He said according to the chain of command in the armed forces, soldiers should not bypass their immediate superiors in airing complaints, questioning orders, recommending actions.

A HELICOPTER hovers above a village in Kabuntalan, Maguindanao which President Macapagal visited recently, as part of increased security for the President's visit.
EDWIN BACASMAS

Under the chain of command, Razon said, privates should go first to the sergeant, sergeants to the corporal, corporal to the lieutenant, lieutenant to the captain, captain to the major, major to the colonel "and so on."

He said the chain of command also mandates that ranking officers like generals get in touch with their next in command first before proceeding to the man in the field.

"It's the kind of order that you follow to keep the military intact," said Razon.

"What kind of armed forces will you have if the private decides for himself what is wrong and what is right and then leaves camp fully armed and with that thought in mind that he is accountable to someone else besides his superior?" asked Razon.

"The result would be total chaos and in the military, chaos is the scariest thing that could happen," he said.

Razon said Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes ignored the military chain of command when he decided to go straight to President Macapagal-Arroyo to report about corruption and inefficiency in the armed forces.

He also criticized the mutineers for declaring that they were "directly accountable to the people."

"That's an idea that scares me," said Razon. "If that idea should prevail, then any soldier could just abandon camp, rob a bank or snatch a heir of a wealthy businessman or sell drugs and then proclaim that he was doing it for the people."

Razon, however, said while the mutineers broke the chain of command, "the chain of command is still intact now."

Cops tracking financier of bombs used by Al-Ghozi

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Police are tracking down the financiers of a Cebuano businessman who allegedly supplied explosives to suspected terrorist Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi in the 2000 Rizal Day bombings in Metro Manila.

Senior Supt. Cecil Ezra Sandalo, Cebu City police office (CPPO) director, claimed that they already have the names of the financiers of Antonio Reyes based on the confession of the suspect himself.

Reyes was placed under interrogation after his arrest in Barangay Bonbon, Clarin, Bohol on Monday night by a joint team from the Vice Control Section and the Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Bureau.

Sandalo, however, refused to identify the alleged financiers. "But we have identified them," he said.

Among the information revealed by Reyes to the police were the source of the explosives, the identity of the organizations involved in his transactions and their modus operandi.

Sandalo claimed that Reyes admitted he was the one who supplied the explosives to the suspected terrorists.

But he stressed that it has yet to be established if Reyes was aware that the explosives would be used to bomb areas in Metro Manila.

Sandalo, however, said they were also looking at the possibility that Reyes might be a member of a terrorist organization.

Reyes would be included in the charges related to the Metro Manila bombings if evidence showed that he was a member of the terrorist group, said Sandalo.

Reyes, however, maintained that he had nothing to do with Al-Ghozi or the bombings in Metro Manila. He also said he was not a member of any terrorist group.

He claimed that he belonged to a poor family in Barangay Tangke, Talisay City.

Reyes was still detained at the CIIB detention cell inside Camp Sotero Cabahug, CPPO headquarters. He said he was prepared to be jailed because he had no money to post bail.

Reyes faces charges of illegal sale or possession of explosives. The Department of Justice had recommended P200,000 bail for his temporary liberty.

Solon seeks 3 schools for 3 military units

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Surigao Rep. Prospero Pichay has proposed the creation of separate military schools for the three major branches of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Pichay, who was here over the weekend, said the strong bond among different batches of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) graduates led to divisions in the AFP.

He broached the idea in the light of the failed Oakwood mutiny late last month spearheaded by military junior officers mostly belonging to PMA class '95.

Most of the military officials occupying the top echelons of the AFP were graduates of the country's premier military academy.

"The strong brotherhood among military officers belonging to the same batch is fragmenting the AFP," Pichay said.

Pichay defended the decision of Congress to hold a closed-door investigation.

"The reason why the house and the Senate are holding such hearings is because we want to come up with new laws that could hopefully reform the Armed Forces," he said.

On Friday, the Senate called off its scheduled public hearing and announced that it would be holding executive sessions once the six leaders of the mutiny are called to testify.

Pichay said they do not want it to appear that Congress is holding trial by publicity.

But he said he was convinced that the Oakwood mutiny was not merely triggered by the junior officers' military adventurism.

"It was not just a pocket rebellion as a lot of us thought. There is a wider picture and a lot of young officers are involved," he said.

The mutineers demanded the resignation of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and other top officials of the government.

They also accused top defense and military officials of corruption and inefficiency, saying government-issued ammunition end up in the hands of guerrillas as a result of government corruption.

Earlier, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes also said he believed that the PMA curriculum should be studied. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Convicted sex offender retaliates vs accuser

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

SAN JOSE, Antique—An official of Antique province found guilty by the Office of the Ombudsman of sexual harassment has sued his victim for perjury.

Engineer Henry Bernardio filed the complaint against the 27-year-old victim on Aug. 7 before this town's Municipal Trial Court.

He claimed that the victim committed perjury when she stated in her affidavit that the doors of his vehicle were locked with a master control.

Bernardio said his Mitsubishi Adventure vehicle had manual locks, contrary to the claim of the victim that she could not open the door of the vehicle due to its locking system.

The victim told the INQUIRER in a phone interview that the perjury case was "another form of harassment to pressure me to drop the charges (against Bernardio)."

She denied that she filed the complaint for sexual harassment against Bernardio for political reasons.

Bernardio, former provincial planning and development officer, is coordinator of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector (Watsan) project. He filed an appeal July 15 on the ruling of the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas that found him guilty of sexual harassment.

He denied molesting the victim claiming there were other people, including his wife, inside the vehicle.

He said persons interested in ousting him from his position instigated the complaint.

In her complaint, the victim said Bernardio molested her inside his car on May 22, 2002 after he offered to take her home. She said he forcibly kissed her and fondled her private parts.

She said she failed to open the door of the vehicle immediately while she was being sexually harassed because of the locking system. She only managed to open the door when light coming from an approaching vehicle distracted Bernardio, according to her.

The Visayas Ombudsman found Bernardio guilty of the offense and ordered him suspended for six months without pay.

In a separate resolution, the anti-graft office also recommended the filing of criminal charges against Bernardio with a bail bond of P6,000.

The resolution was penned by graft investigation officer II Carla Narvios-Tanco on May 12 and was approved by Deputy Ombudsman for the Visayas Primo Miro on May 30.

American faces deportation for lending business

By Alex Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—The Bureau of Immigration has ordered the deportation of an American for engaging in private banking without a proper permit or visa.

Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo ordered the summary deportation of Robert de Vito, an American holding a Philippine tourist visa, after it was learned that De Vito financed, owned and operated a lending business through a dummy.

The order, released on July 25, 2003, was also signed by Associate Commissioners Arthel Caronongan, Orlando Dizon and Daniel Cueto.

Through a Special Personal Service Agreement entered into last July 23, 2002, De Vito operated the Porzana Private Banking and Lending Investor through a front man, Roberto Placencia, whom he named general manager.

But De Vito, in a memorandum issued on Oct. 25, 2002, terminated Placencia and credit investigator Marietta Dinglasa. De Vito's employees then reported his status to the Bureau of Immigration.

The American asked that the deportation case be dismissed, saying he was married to a Filipina.

But Domingo said even De Vito's marriage to a Filipina did not exempt him from immigration laws governing admission and exclusion of aliens.

'Hilots' delivered most babies in last 3 yrs

BAGUIO CITY—Most toddlers in the countryside in the past three years were delivered by *hilots* or traditional birth attendants, a survey said.

The 2002 Maternal and Child Health Survey, presented by the National Statistics Office recently, showed that hilots were responsible for the delivery of 37.1 percent or about 5.6 million children from 1999 to May 2002. Doctors are the close second choice with 34.3 percent.

Midwives followed at 26.2 percent while nurses helped in delivering 1.2 percent of the children born in the three-year period.

The dependence on hilots is more apparent among those living in rural areas, particularly those in Mindanao, the survey said.

"This is oftentimes the situation in the rural areas of Mindanao because of the war. It could also be (attributed to) the geographical location," Lolita Dicang, secretary of the Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines (Imap), said. She said this explained why professional health workers were unavailable in remote villages.

In urban areas, 49.4 percent of childbirths were helped by doctors while 29.3 percent were administered by midwives. Only 19.3 percent were delivered by hilots.

In rural areas, however, 52.8 percent of childbirths were aided by hilots and 23.4 percent by midwives. Doctor-administered deliveries in the rural areas accounted for 21 percent, the survey showed.

In remote villages where there are no health workers and facilities, pregnant women deliver their children with the help of hilots, Dicang said.

"If the hilots are trained, it is alright to seek medical attention from them. But if they lack training, *nakakatakot* (it's dangerous), because they cannot give the kind of medical attention that professional health workers can give," she said.

Dicang said most cases of maternal death were recorded in villages where deliveries were administered by untrained hilots.

She said "trained" hilots practice under the supervision of midwives and nurses. These hilots have become alternative health attendants to pregnant mothers if midwives are inaccessible, said Nora Cerilo, a midwife based in Besao, Mt. Province.

Pregnant mothers in Metro Manila, the Cordillera, Ilocos, Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog preferred a doctor or midwife to administer their delivery.

Dicang said among the reasons mothers seek the services of hilots is economics because they could not afford doctors' fees and other hospital bills.

Four of five mothers in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao sought a hilot in delivering their children while only 4 percent of mothers in Metro Manila resorted to traditional birth attendants. *Frank Cimatu and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

2 women gunned down

POLICE Scene of the Crime operatives prepare to remove the body of Angelina Odiamar from her Toyota Lite Ace van after the ambush.

JOAN BONDOC

By Leila B. Salaverria and Tina Santos

A BUSINESSWOMAN and a barangay chairperson were gunned down in separate shooting incidents in Quezon City and Manila yesterday morning and Sunday night.

In Quezon City, Angelina Yu Odiamar, 44, of Project 8, Quezon City, was shot by one of four motorcycle men along Congressional Avenue at about 11 a.m.

Witnesses told the police that Odiamar had just come from an Allied Bank branch along Congressional Avenue and was driving in her brown Toyota Lite Ace (XCN 922) when two men on a motorcycle tailed her.

The men reportedly told her to pull over. But instead of pulling over, Odiamar sped off prompting the suspects, armed with .45 caliber pistols to drive after her and fire several shots.

Odiamar was hit twice on the back.

Despite being wounded, the woman managed to steer the van to the parking lot of a Metrobank branch where the Lite Ace hit a wall.

Witnesses said the suspects followed her to the parking lot and fired several more shots at her before speeding off.

The police said her van was riddled with bullets.

Two other men riding tandem on a motorcycle, believed to be the suspects' back-up, were seen speeding off after the gunmen.

Bystanders rushed Odiamar to the Quezon City General Hospital but it was too late.

Central Police District Director Chief Supt. Napoleon Castro said they were ruling out robbery saying the victim's valuables were left intact.

Investigation revealed that the victim was on her way to the Quezon City Hall of Justice to file an estafa case against an unidentified friend.

On Sunday night, a lone gunman shot and killed Minda Pimentel, the 34-year-old chair of Barangay 269 in Binondo.

Investigators said Pimentel of Chavez Street, Binondo, was cooking food beside the barangay hall at about 7:30 p.m. when a man arrived holding a gun.

Sensing danger, the barangay chair hid behind Filipina Fresillas, 34, a vendor, to no avail.

Seeing Fresillas block his shot, the gunman first shot the vendor, who fell to the ground.

With the vendor out of the way, the gunman then pumped several bullets into Pimentel's body.

Pimentel was rushed to the Mary Johnston hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival. Fresillas is being treated at the Chinese General Hospital.

The gunman escaped after the incident. He was described as being around 30-35 years old, 5'4 tall and of medium build.

GMA should apologize to reporter

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

THERE goes Sen. Panfilo Lacson again with his "taratitat" accusation that I was seen at the LTA Building in Makati along with other officials close to First Gentleman Mike Arroyo. The insinuation is that I am in the payroll of the Macapagal-Arroyo administration.

(Taratitat is a word once used by Lacson to describe one of his critics. It's gayspeak for one who's talkative).

The LTA Building is owned by Mike Arroyo's family. It is named in honor of Lourdes Tuason Arroyo, the first gentleman's mother.

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So what if I was seen at the LTA Building? I admit I've been there once. I passed by for Mike Arroyo so we could have lunch together at one of the restaurants in Makati.

Arroyo and this writer are friends.

And as his wont when he's high-strung, Lacson is liable to hurl accusations against his critics and enemies without evidence.

Ping, *magpakalalake ka naman* and come out with evidence when you accuse people!

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And since Lacson has libeled me anew, let me tell you an anecdote about him when he was still Philippine National Police chief.

He's a teetotaler, he doesn't take even a sip of liquor contrary to what is portrayed in a TV commercial.

But one day, for one reason or another, Ping was reportedly made to drink wine during a party given in his honor by PNP suppliers and dealers.

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Not used to alcohol, Ping immediately got drunk after a few sips of the wine.

The dealers and suppliers had invited DIs (dance instructors) to liven up the party.

A male DI, a very handsome guy, reportedly caught the attention of the already inebriated Lacson.

The PNP chief, according to one of those who attended the party, took a fancy for the DI and got him into a corner.

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"Mon, *talagang hindi na niya pinakawalan yung* DI," claimed my source.

Inhibitions flew out the window. Ping Lacson reportedly became very intimate with the DI who couldn't move because he was cornered.

One of Lacson's close aides whispered into his ear. Lacson straightened up and became "decent" again.

Perhaps when he delivered that privilege speech yesterday Lacsŏn was in a frame of mind like the one at that party.

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I am an avid supporter of President Macapagal-Arroyo. I defend her in most controversial issues because I believe in her style of running the country.

But I think she was overbearing and arrogant when she berated GMA-7 reporter Tina Panganiban-Perez in front of many people in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro.

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I don't buy the President's argument that Perez was "abetting rebellion" when she interviewed opposition Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, who is accused of masterminding the Oakwood mutiny. Honasan is in hiding.

Perez was not doing it on her own, she was doing her job as a journalist when she interviewed Honasan. In fact, her interview with Honasan was aired over GMA-7 network news.

The President seems to be ignorant of the work of a journalist.

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When a TV reporter interviewed Abu Sayyaf bandits while they were holding missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham in the jungles of Basilan, was that abetting the Moro bandits' criminal act?

When Gringo Honasan was interviewed by some reporters while he was in hiding after the 1989 failed coup, was that abetting Gringo's adventurism?

I think the President should apologize to Perez and the GMA management.

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The President is committing the same mistakes her predecessor, Joseph "Erap" Estrada, made in so far as dealing with journalists is concerned.

Erap would shame reporters, particularly those of the INQUIRER, as a result of adverse publicity about him in the reporters' newspapers.

That was Erap's undoing which led to his ouster.

Girl given hard lesson in cooking

By Tina Santos

IT WAS a lesson that a 9-year-old girl would never forget as long as the scars showed on her skin.

The subject was "How to fry fish."

At about 7 p.m. on Sunday, the girl, a grade three pupil from Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, was asked by her father to fry several pieces of fish for their dinner.

Her mother was not home and his father was busy having a drinking spree with neighbors.

Though clueless, the child set the pan, heated the oil and put in the fish.

When her father arrived and saw the fish overcooked, the man reportedly took the hot food turner and hit her in the arms and legs.

The beating caused burns and bruises on the child's skin.

"He repeatedly hit me because he said I was stupid for not knowing how to cook," she said in Filipino.

Her father is now detained facing possible child abuse charges.

6 crooks get dressed up for nothing

By Luige del Puerto

THEY were dressed up for the occasion. Two were in formal attire and two even dressed up as nuns. But it was all for nothing.

That was the story of six suspects who tried to rob an armored van and an ATM machine of Asia Trust bank in Antipolo City on Sunday.

According to Supt. Primitivo Tabujara Jr., Antipolo police chief, the six arrived at the Asia Trust bank branch along Marcos Highway in Barangay Mayamot at about 10 a.m.

Since it was Sunday and the bank was closed, the six: two dressed in long sleeved shirts and two clad in nun's habits, waited at a shop near the bank.

When the armored van arrived, bystanders overheard one of the "nuns" say, "*Nandyan na ang sundo ko.*"

The six then stepped out of the shop, pulled out guns and pointed the gun at guards Danilo Ramos and Antonio dela Torre.

Tabujara said one of the suspects jumped into the van and tried to open its vault.

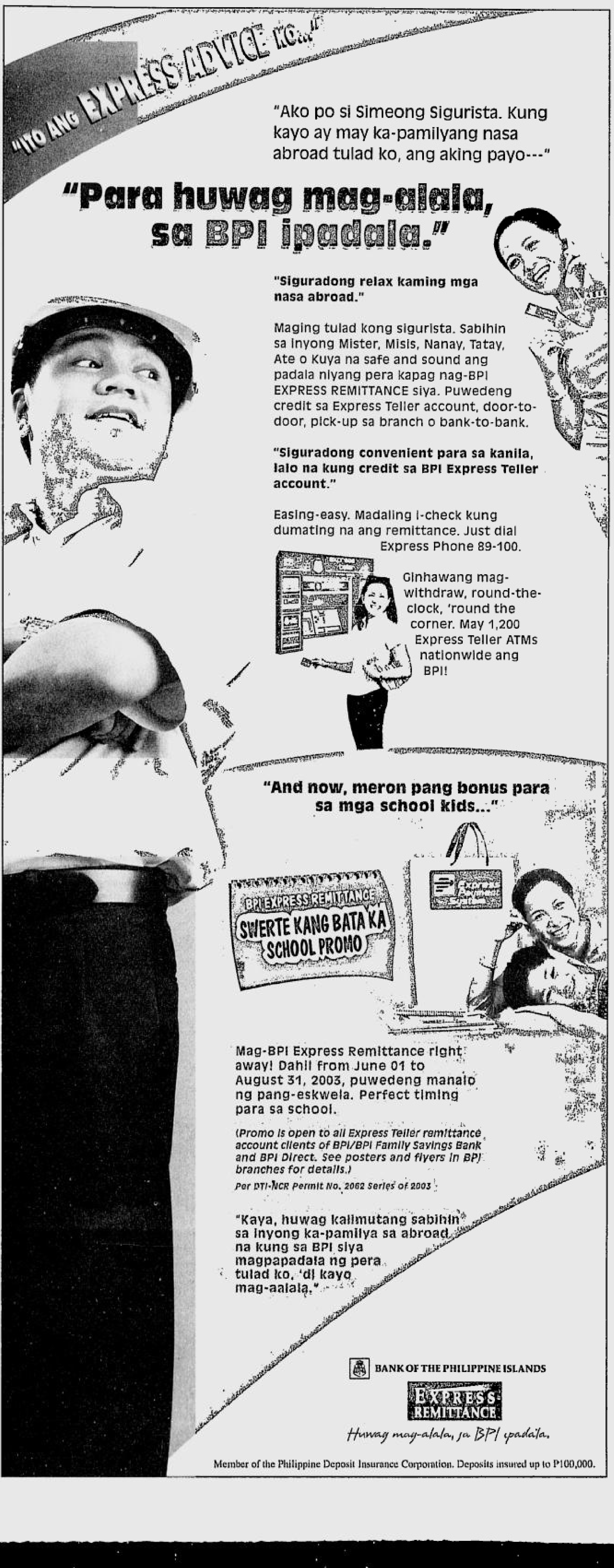
When the suspect could not pry the vault open, one of the "nuns" panicked so the robbers decided to try the bank's ATM machine.

This enabled the armored car's driver, Allan Apelacio, to drive off with the vehicle.

SP01 Victorina Madamba, officer on case, said the robbers then aborted their efforts to open the ATM machine by speeding off in a silver Honda Civic CRV (VCU 833) and a maroon Isuzu Crosswind (XBU 124).

The vehicles were later recovered in Lourdes Subdivision in Barangay Mambugan.

Tabujara said the robbers failed to get even a centavo from the bungled heist, which ended up only as a criminal's costume party.



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SINGLE DISPATCH SCHEME FOR BUSES

System failure on Edsa

By Margaux Ortiz and Tina Santos

METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) officials yesterday were forced to admit that the Organized Edsa Bus Route or the single dispatching system almost turned into a fiasco after it caused so much confusion on its first day of implementation.

MMDA chair Bayani Fernando yesterday said that the system, which was implemented on Edsa at 6 a.m. yesterday, was temporarily put on hold before noon.

"We will thresh out all the problems we encountered, then we will resume tomorrow," Fernando said.

He added that despite yesterday's confusion, the scheme looked "very promising."

Fernando said they realized too late how difficult it was to organize 3,000 buses plying on Edsa, coordinating with hundreds of bus operators and drivers.

"There was a failure of communication on everybody's part," Fernando said in a press conference.

He added that even after weeks of preparation before the scheme was launched, the MMDA and bus operators still encountered major problems with the system.

The MMDA chair said that the bus drivers had difficulty following instructions.

"The drivers did not understand the whole system," Fernando said. "Some were not even aware what the queues were for."

Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association (IMBOA) president Claire dela Fuente also said that the scheme was a failure.

"There was a communication problem on our part and the MMDA's," Dela Fuente said.

She added that there was a need for more enforcers.

"The queuing system failed because there weren't enough MMDA enforcers at the intersection points," Dela Fuente lamented.

She also said that the drivers were complaining all day because they were stuck in the terminals waiting for the dispatchers' go signal.

She said that most of the drivers have not even eaten.

"If the scheme does not work tomorrow, *magwawala na kami*," Dela Fuente warned.

Under the new system, buses are dispatched depending on the number of passengers in need of a ride to ensure that "just enough" units are plying Edsa at any given time.

Each bus is given a "cue card" before they are dispatched and allowed to take on passengers.

Fernando stressed that the queue cards are issued to the bus drivers when they leave their terminals. The queue cards ensure that the buses do not overtake each other and move systematically in single file on Edsa's yellow lane.

The MMDA chair said that they would eventually phase out the queue cards in favor of more efficient electronic sensors.

Fernando also said that several dispatchers were needed in each of the intersecting points to make sure that the buses get their queue cards.

These dispatchers were hired by the bus operators but paid by the MMDA, Fernando said.

He added the rules, regulations and sanctions for bus drivers that would violate the system were formulated by the bus operators.

He lamented that the operators failed to disseminate information to the drivers.

Several commuters yesterday complained that they were late for work as it took them forever to get a ride on Edsa.

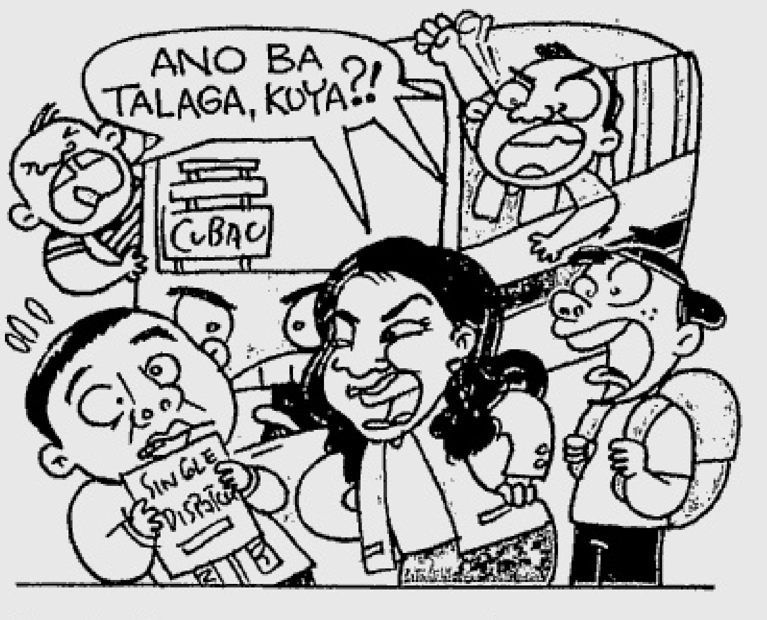
"The MMDA has been implementing a lot of schemes, we're so confused," said an irate Dianne Sta. Ana, a computer analyst in Quezon City.

She added that commuters have to contend with, not only heavy traffic, but simply getting on a bus.

"I wish they'd bring back the old system where the bus drivers wait for the passengers to board," said Quezon City court clerk Arnold Abuel, who claimed he was an hour and a half late for work yesterday.

Angelito Vergel de Dios, MMDA Traffic Operations Center director, earlier said that the situation yesterday was expected.

"We're not expecting it to be perfect on the first day, but we will improve it as we go along," he said in an interview over radio station DzBB.



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Keep cool on clearway, says MMDA

THE SCHEME would help improve Metro Manila's traffic by 100 percent.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority chair Bayani Fernando was referring to the clearway project on Quezon Avenue, which he said would greatly improve traffic situation in the area.

Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios had asked motorists to be patient with the clearway scheme, after monstrous traffic jams were reported on Quezon Avenue over the weekend.

Yesterday's situation was no different, according to irate motorists.

But Fernando said that they are anticipating traffic to clear up on the broad avenue.

"People also complained when we first implemented the clearway system on Marcos Highway and Commonwealth Avenue," Fernando said.

He added that after two weeks, traffic cleared up in those areas.

Fernando said that they are now drawing up plans to implement the same scheme on Buendia Avenue and Quirino Avenue.

"We are aiming to increase the average speed of vehicles from 14 kph to 28 kph," Fernando said in a press conference yesterday.

Margaux Ortiz

Robbers hit barber shop, ballet school; lawman shot

By Luige del Puerto

THE PASIG Police yesterday released composite sketches of two of five heavily armed men who stormed a ballet school and a barber shop in the city over the weekend.

The robbers, who were armed with M-16 rifles and .45-caliber pistols, were able to overpower responding police and barangay security forces.

In the ensuing firefight, one policeman was shot in the left thigh.

Another lawman and a barangay tanod were also injured by shards from their blasted windshields.

After the robbers fled Pasig City, the gang reportedly hit an appliance center in Taytay, Rizal, according to Insp. Jovita Iquin, head of the city's criminal investigation unit.

Iquin said they are hot on the trail of the group, which reportedly operates in Rizal and in nearby towns and cities.

"(Members of) the group sport high-powered weapons," Iquin said. "Often we ask, 'who else can possess this kind of firepower?'"

The group held up the Aim High Dance School and the Planet Barber Shop on De Castro Avenue in Barangay Sta. Lucia late Saturday afternoon.

They took the mobile phones, gold necklace and engagement ring of the students and barbershop clients.

Iquin said that this was the second time the dance school was robbed. Last year, robbers were able to cart away with about P100,000.

Iquin said the school owner, Imelda Yangot, has just arrived from Japan, and the robbers could have assumed that she had plenty of cash.

Iquin said the robbers failed to take any money.

The suspects also tried, but failed, to steal a Honda Civic.

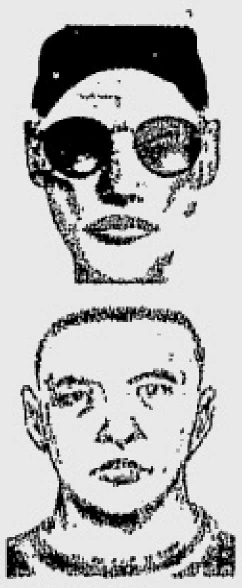
Police said the culprits used two Enduro motorcycles as their getaway vehicles.

Iquin said the suspects fired on P01 Christopher Millanes, P01 Edwin Cruz, and barangay tanod Abe Abalos.

Millanes was hit on the left thigh, while Abalos and Cruz suffered abrasions from windshield shards.

Before escaping, the suspects also fired on at least six other cars.

No one else was reported wounded, police said.



COMPOSITE sketches of two of the robbery suspects.

2 bragging cops trade blows in Sta. Mesa

By Leila Salaverria

APPARENTLY, the road was not big enough for the two policemen.

SP02 Camilo I. Telanca, 53, and detailed at the Camp Crame headquarters in Quezon City, and P02 Leo Angling, a member of the Presidential Security Group detailed at Malacañang, exchanged blows Sunday after the two men collided on Pureza Street in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

P01 Alberto Saygo Jr. said Angling and Telanca had been walking from opposite directions on Pureza Street at around 10 p.m. When they bumped into each other, their tempers flared.

Saygo said Angling then introduced himself as a police officer, apparently to intimidate Telanca. But Telanca would not give way, being himself a police officer from Camp Crame.

The two lawmen bragged on until they came to exchange blows. Policemen from Station 8 arrived and broke up the fight between the lawmen.

Telanco and Angling were taken to the Western Police District headquarters, where their service firearms were confiscated.

Saygo said that while at headquarters, the two police officers decided to settle their differences out of court.

But Angling was made to promise that he would shoulder Telanco's medical expenses for the head wound the latter sustained in the fight, police said.

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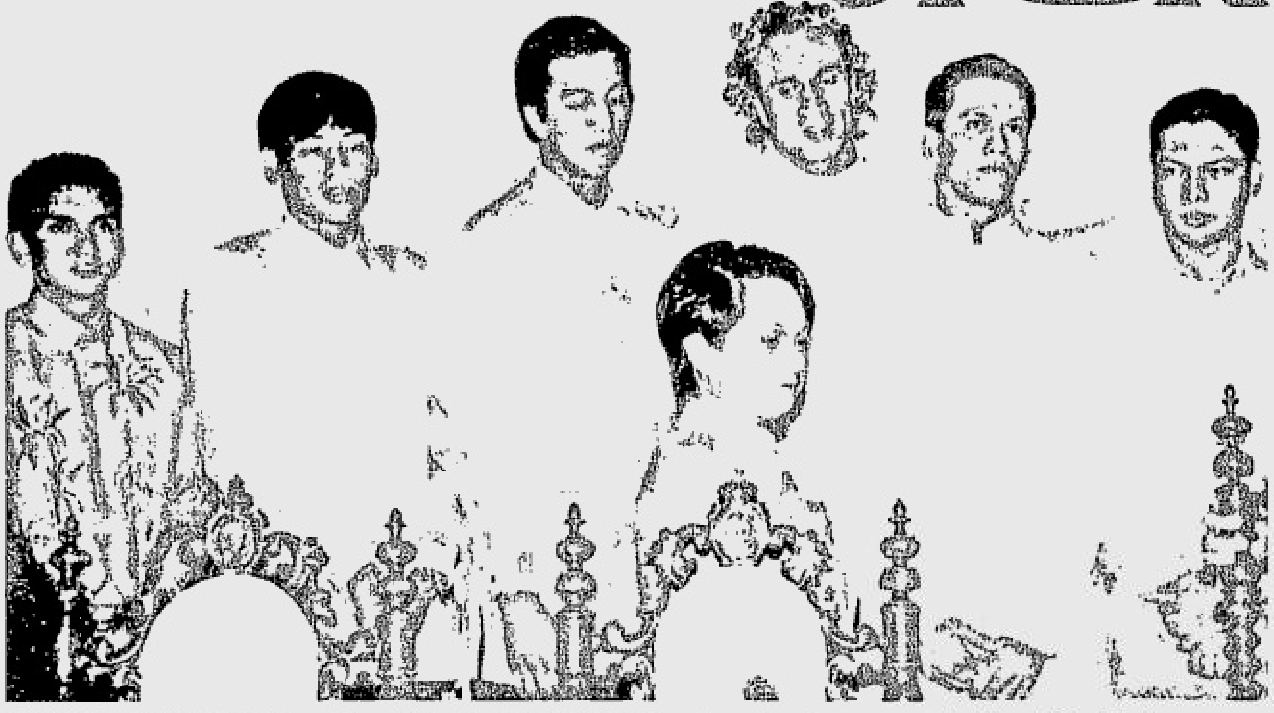

BARONG-CLAD Talk 'N Text Phone Pals, the PBA's All Filipino champions, tower over their host, President Macapagal-Arroyo, during the team's courtesy call in Malacañang yesterday. EDWIN BACASMAS

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4 p.m.—Mapua vs JRU (Srs/Jrs)

By June Navarro

BOYET Bautista came within an assist of a triple-double last night as the diminutive playmaker led Letran to a lopsided 76-65 victory over San Beda and the solo lead in the NCAA basketball tournament at the Rizal Coliseum.

The 5-foot-7 Bautista shot 13 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and issued nine assists as the Knights charged on top with their seventh win in 10 games.

"This game really belongs to Boyet. His figures were amazing but more than anything else it was his defense against (Ronnie) Bughao that made the difference," said Letran coach Louie Alas, whose Knights moved two games away from securing a playoff spot in the Final Four.

Earlier, Pep Moore finally came out of his shell as San Sebastian College brought College of St. Benilde down to earth with a 73-70 victory.

The 6-7 Moore asserted himself with a team-high 16 points, including a finger-roll with five seconds left that carried the Stags to their second consecutive win in the second round.

The defending champion Stags, who halted San Beda's five-game win streak last week, jumped into a tie with the Lions and idle Jose Rizal at 6-4.

Ronald Capati came up with 24 points for the Blazers, whose three-game roll ended and found themselves back in the cellar at 3-8, half a game behind University of Perpetual Help-Rizal and Philippine Christian University.

Bughao, who topped the MVP race in the first round, failed to find his range, shooting only 1 of 9 attempts from the field to finish with a measly five points.

Bughao's inefficiency rubbed off on the rest of the Lions with Arjun Cordero and Jerome Paterno losing their composure in the end.

Pint-sized Dexter Guevarra and Gini Villame sparkled as the St. Benilde Greenies zoomed to their third straight win in the second round with an 82-78 victory over the SSC Staglets in the first game.

Scores:

Second Game (Srs)

SSC-R 73—Moore 16, Baluyot 14, Gonzales 11, Vicente 9, Najorda 8, Uy 5, Santos 4, Manaclang 2, Aguilar 2, Rebuya 2.

CSB 70—Capati 24, Orbeta 16, Magpayo 13, Abad 8, Good 5, V. Reyes 2, Sanidad 2, U. Reyes 0.

Quarters: 22-15, 43-39, 55-55, 73-70

Fourth Game (Srs)

CSJL 76—Enrile 20, Aban 14, Bautista 13, Reyes 10, Rodriguez 5, Pinera 5, Aldave 4, Santos 3, Ebajay 2, Realista 0, Anabo 0.

SBC 65—Bombeo 18, Paterno 18, Cordero 7, Bughao 5, Ong 5, Angeles 4, Apepe 4, Casino 4, Antonio 0, Weber 0, Cruz 0, Hudencial 0.

Quarters: 17-20, 43-36, 68-49, 76-65.

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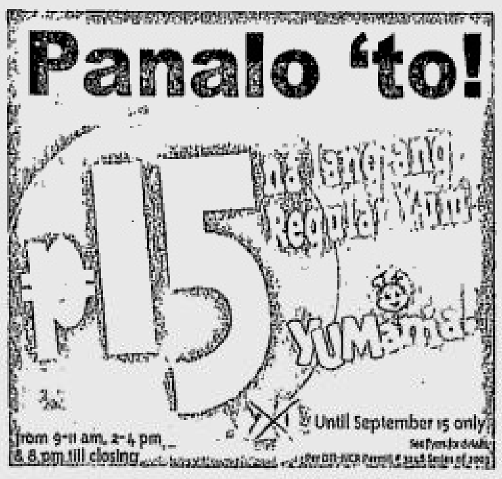
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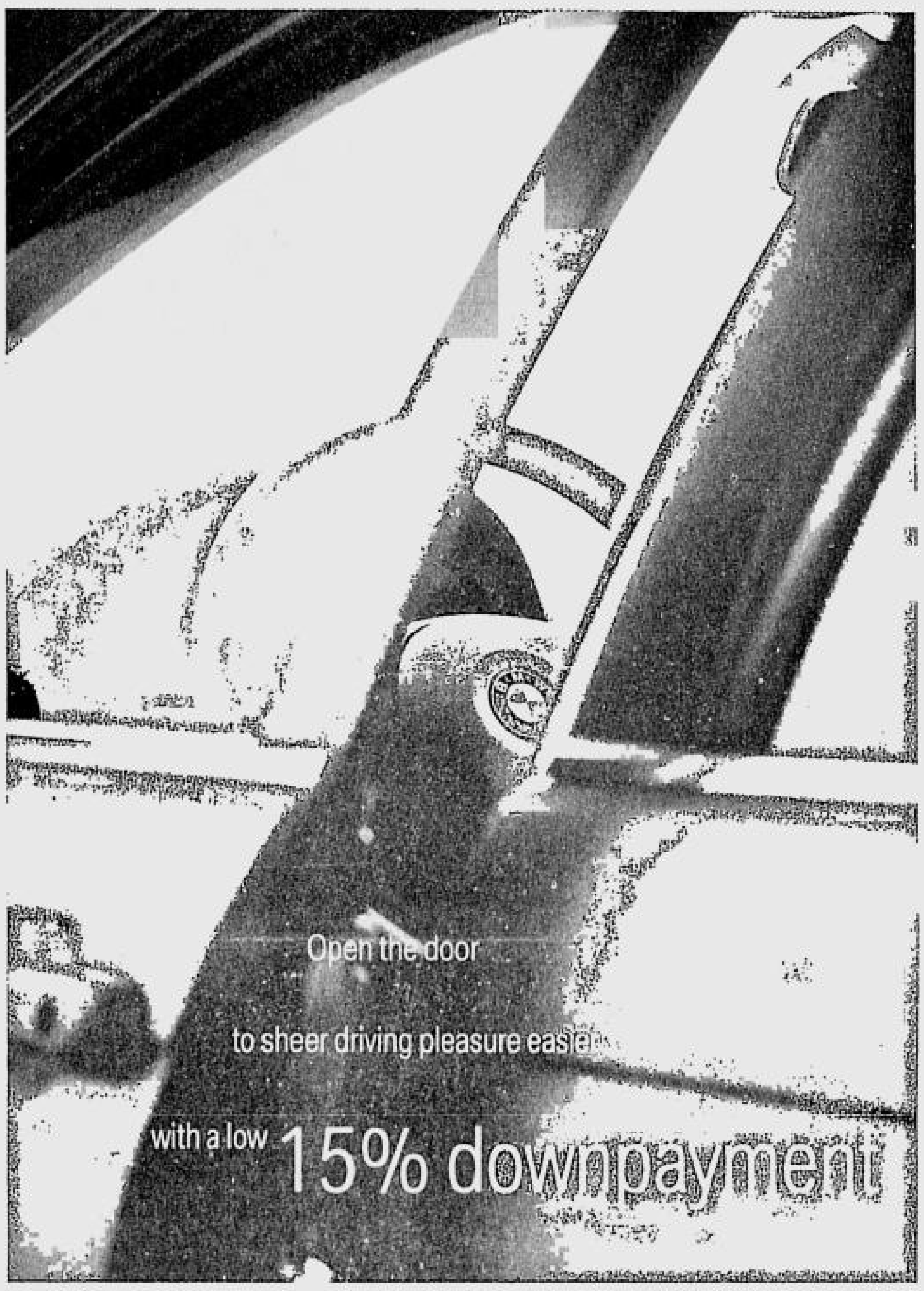

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RP five confident of keeping crown

By Marc Anthony Reyes

KUALA LUMPUR—A Philippine basketball team devoid of big-name players but oozing with determination arrived here yesterday raring to defend its title in the Southeast Asian Basketball Championship which starts today.

Led by collegiate and PBL standouts Ervin Sotto and Jean Marc Pingris, the RP Five will go up against Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia, hoping to book a slot in the Asian Basketball Confederation championship slated next month.

Although Basketball Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim remains confident the Nationals would be able to repeat their feat two years ago in Manila, he stressed that the RP five is facing a tougher field this time.

Aside from Pingris and Sotto, the other members of the team sponsored by Malaysia Airlines are Celino Cruz, Richard Melencio, Emmerson Oreta, William Wilson, Gary David, Chris Dennis Madrid, Nelbert Omolon, Bernzon Franco, Ricaredo Calimag and Ranidel de Ocampo.

The RP team will be handled by veteran collegiate and pro league coach Aric Del Rosario, who will be supported by assistant coaches David Zamar, Dong Vergeire, Eusebio Ong and Lester del Rosario.

Organizers were meeting at presstime to determine the opening-day pairings of the event which is expected to be a preview of the coming SEA Games competition with only Singapore missing from the field.

Lim rues the inability of several collegiate stars to join the RP five with the UAAP and the NCAA wars raging on back home.

"On the positive note, this shows how deep our bench are, so to speak, because we can still put up a very competitive squad which can win the crown anytime," added Graham, who picked the Thais as RP's strongest rivals for the crown.

The winner in this tournament will go up to the next level, which is the ABC championships slated Sept. 22 to Oct. 3 in Harbin, China.

Micheel clinches PGA title

Stunning shot on 18th sews it up

ROCHESTER, New York—Journeyman Shaun Micheel struck a brilliant approach to two inches to birdie the last for a shock win at the US PGA Championship on Sunday as Tiger Woods completed his worst major finish as a professional.

MICHEEL embraces the champion's trophy, his first after 163 PGA Tour events. The win was worth $1 million. REUTERS

World-ranked 169th, the 34-year-old Micheel became the seventh player to clinch the tournament at the first attempt, firing a closing level-par 70 to secure his maiden PGA Tour title by two shots.

American Micheel finished at four-under 276, with his compatriot and playing partner Chad Campbell alone in second at two under after carding a 72.

South African Tim Clark, who made three birdies in the first four holes, faltered around the turn and had to settle for third place at one under after a 69.

Micheel's win completed a sweep of first-time winners at this year's majors, following the breakthrough victories achieved by Mike Weir (Masters), Jim Furyk (US Open) and Ben Curtis (British Open).

The four majors have not been won by first-timers in a single season since 1969, when George Archer clinched the Masters, Orville Moody the US Open, Briton Tony Jacklin the British Open and Raymond Floyd the PGA Championship.

Micheel began the day tied for the lead with Campbell, and recovered from back-to-back bogeys on seven and eight with three birdies down the stretch.

Playing ice-cool golf, he drove the green at the 323-yard 14th to set up his third birdie of the day and move three clear of the field.

But he then three-putted at the 181-yard 15th to slip back to three under. His lead was cut to one when Campbell holed a birdie putt on the same hole.

On 16, Micheel holed a 20-foot birdie putt to get back to four under, restoring his two-shot cushion.

However he then bogeyed 17 after missing the fairway off the tee before clinching the last of the year's four majors with his superb seven-iron approach at the last.

Germany's Alexander Cejka carded a 69 to finish fourth.

World No.1 Woods, one of the early starters, was delighted to complete his final round half an hour before the leaders teed off, carding a three-over-par 73.

The 27-year-old American, struggling for accuracy off the tee all week, lost any chance of mounting a last-day charge with two bogeys in his first three holes.

Scores: 276—Shaun Micheel 69 68 69 70; 278—Chad Campbell 69 72 65 72; 279— Tim Clark (South Africa) 72 70 68 69; 280— Alex Cejka (Germany) 74 69 68 69; 282—Ernie Els (South Africa) 71 70 70 71, Jay Haas 70 74 69 69; 284—Fred Funk 69 73 70 72, Loren Roberts 70 73 70 71, Mike Weir (Canada) 68 71 70 75; 285—Billy Andrade 67 72 72 74, Niclas Fasth (Sweden) 76 70 71 68, Charles Howell III 70 72 70 73, Kenny Perry 75 72 70 68. *Reuters*

Riviera, Alabang gain Fed League semis

FORMER national senior champion Caloy Coscolluela's par-saving putt from the fringe on the last hole clinched for Alabang its home-and-away showdown with Eastridge and a semifinal seat in the 2003 Federation Golf League over the weekend.

Coscolluela and his high-low partner Rey Escuadro salvaged a 1-up victory, completing a 3 and 1 win at home and a 5.5-3.5 victory in the series for Alabang.

Eastridge had earlier taken the other half of the match, 2.5-1.5.

Riviera, behind Raymund Sangil and Miggs Garcia, also booked a trip to the semifinals after foiling the upset bid of Royal Northwoods, 5.5-2.5, in their own duel.

Sangil and Garcia took the aggregate format, 2-up, for the win which Riviera, back-to-back winner of this event from 1999, badly needed to turn around from a 2.5-1.5 defeat it also suffered in its visit to Northwoods a day earlier.

Riviera thus forged a semifinal duel with defending champion Manila Golf while Alabang is in for a tougher assignment against eliminations topnotcher Forest Hills this weekend.

Forest Hills and Manila Golf took the two outright semis seats after posting the best winning records and winning ratios.

Also delivering the killing blows for Alabang were Jimmy General-Iggy Clavecilla (bestball), and Buddy Velayo-Francis Jimenez (aggregate) while Vic Guzman-King Stehmeier split the point in scramble.

Riviera got its other points from Bobby Celestino-Bobby Inigo (high-low) and Danny Pizarro-Eric Gozo (scramble). *Jong Arcano*

Plastic surgery

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE FACE of world golf has undergone a massive plastic surgery this year. It was completed yesterday, when Shaun Micheel won the PGA Championship in Oak Hill, Rochester, New York.

World golf has been basically defined as the four majors—Masters, US Open, British Open and the PGA Championship. The four winners of all four majors this season are first-time victors.

It will take nine months to find out if the major operation would last or not. That's when the Masters is held at Augusta, Georgia, next April.

Mike Weir started it all when he won the Masters in April. The 32-year-old Canadian, a lefty, was a teammate of Filipino Ramon Brobio when they were golf scholars at Brigham Young University.

"I am happy for what he's achieved thus far," said Brobio of Weir. "I called him up moments after he won the Masters to congratulate him."

At first, Weir's wife tried to hide Mike from Mon. But when she recognized Brobio's voice, she explained immediately the reason for the screening of calls.

"I'm sorry, Mon, but we've been swamped with calls all over," said Weir's wife, also a school chum of Brobio. "We could hardly catch our breath answering phone calls."

Weir and Brobio became the best of friends in college.

"We were in a basically Mormon country (Utah) and because Mike and I are Catholics, we hit it right off," said Mon. "We became roommates and became inseparable in school."

At BYU, Brobio, a many-time world junior champion, was the top golfer, with Weir either ranked No. 2 or No. 3 behind him.

"We have changed positions now," said Brobio. "He is virtually on top of the world with that Masters victory. Discipline and a good team to mould his career to include a sports psychologist and a sports conditioning expert were the key to his success. I can only doff my hat to him."

Brobio, at 16 the youngest Asian Games golf gold medalist in the 1986 Seoul Asiad, turned pro some years back and continues to pound the Asian golf scene—in search of a breakthrough victory.

After Weir's victory came Jim Furyk's win in the US Open. Although Furyk, like Weir, had previously won on the PGA Tour, he was not, like Weir in the Masters, also expected to win the US Open. Furyk owns the most unorthodox swing in golf which I call the "snowman" shot.

And then came Ben Curtis' victory in the British Open. Curtis, ranked 296th in the world and who had to qualify to make it to the tournament in Sandwich, England, was a rookie from Kansas when he won golf's most prestigious trophy —the Claret jug.

And then this, Shaun Micheel winning the 85th PGA Championship.

He won with the world's Top 96 players in attendance, including Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, who are 1-2 in the rankings. Els finished fifth with a 2-over-par total after a final-day 1-over-par 71. Woods, struggling all week, finished at 12-over-par, one of his worst finishes since he turned pro in 1996.

Almost everybody thought Micheel would collapse like Thomas Bjorn in the British Open. Bjorn, leading by 3 shots with 3 holes to go, blasted thrice from the trap for a double bogey on 16. He went on to bogey 17 and lost the Open by 1 to Curtis, who sank the winning 12-footer for par on 18.

Micheel turned doubters into instant believers when he sent his approach on the 18th within inches off the cup, earning a standing ovation from a crowd accustomed to applauding only the likes of a Tiger Woods.

Micheel, from the Elvis Presley country that is Memphis, Tennessee, punched the air once and then tipped his hat to the crowd. After the tap-in, he punched the air twice in quiet jubilation and next kissed his wife who was heavy with their first child.

The new hero had a sense of humor.

When told that his name would be carved on the trophy as the winner of the 85th PGA, he said: "I hope they spell my name right."

He had humility, too.

When told how brilliant his approach shot was on the 18th, he said: "I was just trying to hit the green."

Micheel closed out with an even-par 70 for a 4-under total worth $1 million. He became the 7th person to win a major in his first try.

He said his putting helped him a lot in scoring the unexpected victory. He said his birdie from afar on 14 was the turning point.

"I'm proud to be a PGA champion," said Micheel, ranked 169th in the world. "I didn't expect to win. Thank God for my putter."

Hey, Elvis, move over, please? You've got company.

SPORTSWATCH

Air21 to host foreign teams

LINA

AFTER successfully staging the recent RP-Taiwan goodwill basketball series, Air21 is willing to host other foreign teams in the future. Ms Sylvia Lina, wife of Air21 chair and basketball Association of the Philippines vice president for Luzon Bert Lina, bared this recently when Air21 hosted lunch for the Taiwanese, who were sponsored by Mail&More in their stay in the country. They left Sunday after compiling a 3-win-1-loss-2-draw record in their series with PBA teams and the national men's and youth teams. "Sports is a universal language. It is amazing that despite the fact that we barely understand their Taiwanese) language, we still get to have a harmonious relationship with them through the game of basketball," said Ms Lina.

Heritage running clinics begin

THE PASIG River Heritage Marathon kicks off its 2004 race by staging its running clinics this August. "This is to create awareness and give interested participants a head start to this challenging running event," says PRHM project director Ramon Jacinto Socco Jr. of Clean & Green Foundation Inc. The C&GFI in cooperation with the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association will begin conducting the running-cum-environmental-awareness clinics on Aug. 30. The first Running Clinics for PRHM 2004 will be held at the Makati Post Office on Aug. 30 and at the Ayala Triangle on Aug. 31. For details, contact PRHM Project Director Ramon Jacinto-Socco Jr. at tels. 5280504 and 5274390.

RP U-23 and U-20 play to draw

THE RP Under-20 team, unable to exploit an open situation, settled for a 1-1 draw with RP under-23 in the Ang Liga football cup at the San Beda pitch recently. A goal by Ariel Zerrudo of U-23 in the 49th minute and one by Lord Jay Legpitan in the 58th summed up the day's scoring. With that result, both national squads are now tied on top of the standings.

Madrona lifts UE over FEU

STAR striker Mark Andrew Madrona, MVP and Rookie of the Year of the last UAAP season, powered University of the East to a 2-1 victory over Far Eastern University Sunday in the Ang Liga football cup at the San Beda Mendiola pitch. Showing no ill effects of a two-month break due to injury, Madrona headed one into the back of the net in the 30th minute and delivered the assist that nailed FEU's coffin with eight seconds to go.

La Salle, Ateneo booters score

DE LA SALLE Zobel and Ateneo de Manila routed their opponents Sunday at the resumption of the Metro Manila tournament of the Red Ribbon Bakeshop Under-14 Football Festival at the Ateneo field in Quezon City. Arturo Enriquez knocked in four goals as the La Sallites overwhelmed Magat Salamat Elementary School A, 16-0. Miguel Montelibano scored a hat-trick to propel the Ateneans past Magat Salamat Elementary School B, 9-0, in the other match.

Paca to affiliate cycling clubs

CYCLING clubs have until Aug. 30 to affiliate with the Philippine Amateur Cycling Association. Paca secretary general Armando D. Bautista said the decision was reached during the board meeting held last Saturday at the Amoranto Sports Complex. Bautista, who attended the recent 23rd Asian Cycling Congress in Changwon City, Korea, also announced the holding of Paca elections on Sept. 14 this year.

Reyes settles for 2nd place

CHARLIE "The Korean Dragon" Williams ruled the Big Apple 9-Ball Challenge Championship with back-to-back wins over Efren "Bata" Reyes Sunday in Queens, New York. Williams received the $12,000 first prize after besting Reyes, 11-9, and 13-8, respectively. Reyes collected $7,000 while fellow Filipino and Puyat Sports teammate Francisco "Django" Bustamante finished in 5th to 6th with Fil-Canadian Alex Pagulayan. Each received S2,000.

Ford Lynx Cup starts Aug. 22

THE TRS-FORD Lynx Cup presented by Addict Mobile Bar Tour Series flags off on Aug. 22. On the same day, "Split Second presented by Ford Makati and Standard Insurance" will be held at the Temple Bar at Greenbelt 3 in Makati City from 7 to 11 p.m. Gracing the event are TRS-Ford Lynx Cup drivers Jeff Borja, Dalia Guerrero, Pia Boren, Egay Quesada, Dominic Ochoa, Matt Yngson and Simon Gemayel. Interested parties can call the Tuason Racing School at 531-2962 or visit their website at www.tuasonracing.com.

SEN. Robert Jaworski adjusts the championship belt of Pan Asia flyweight titleholder Rolly Lunas after the Filipino beat Thai Deeden Kengkarun recently at the Mandaluyong Coliseum. Also in photo are Mayor Benhur Abalos (right) and promoter Jun Sarreal.

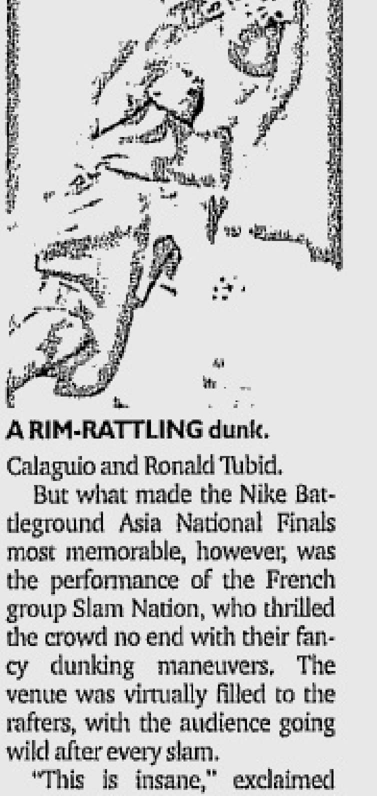
PCCr quint prevails; Slam Nation excites

SLAM Nation elicited roar after roar from the overflow crowd but it was Philippine College of Criminology which stood out mightily in the end by beating Holy Child School of Davao, 31-25, to win the championship of the Nike Battleground Asia at the Carousel court of the Festival Supermall last Sunday.

Jhaymay Marte hit 11 points for PCCr, making the most of his points in the second half when Holy Child threatened with successive baskets from Best Offensive Player Joseph Hermosisima.

Guards Ramon De Leon and Most Valuable Player Rodel Ranises and Best Shot Blocker Jefemil Khalili also played key roles for PCCr coach Gene Roland Tumapat.

PCCr, which also relied on Dick Perez, Mark Baetiong, Gino Etrone and Robbie Mañalac, received a handsome glass trophy, championship rings and gift certificates from Nike Philippines marketing communications executive Rely San Agustin.



A RIM-RATTLING dunk.

Present during the awarding ceremonies were tournament director Tanny Gonzalez and Nike athletes Alvin Patrimonio, Chris Calaguio and Ronald Tubid.

But what made the Nike Battleground Asia National Finals most memorable, however, was the performance of the French group Slam Nation, who thrilled the crowd no end with their fancy dunking maneuvers. The venue was virtually filled to the rafters, with the audience going wild after every slam.

"This is insane," exclaimed guest host Patricia Bermudez after the 30-minute slam dunk exhibition.

OHIO GOLFEST

J-Ro ends up 8th, bags ₱1.2M

JENNY Rosales made the current season her biggest in terms of money won after tying for eighth by closing out with a sparkling five-under-par 66 Sunday (Monday in Manila) capped by birdies on the last four holes in the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic in Sylvania, Ohio.

The 24-year-old Rosales won $21,657 (about P1.19 million) for her fifth top 10 finish of the season, bringing her total winnings to $342,887 (about P18.85 million) in 17 events on the LPGA Tour.

Rosales completed her rain-delayed third round with two closing birdies for a 72 then returned later to shoot her second best fourth round effort, almost tying the 65 she set in the State Farm Rail Classic last year.

With her 276 aggregate, Rosales wound up five shots behind eventual winner Se Ri Pak of Korea who shot a 71 for a 271 total.

Pak became only the eighth player to win the same LPGA tournament four or more times, struggling at times to hold off Hee-Won Han and Marisa Baena by two shots.

Fil-Am Dorothy Joy Delasin scored a 73 and finished far behind at 285 for a tie for 51st. She won $3,324.

Rosales' mother, Lourdes, said J-Ro will play the next two events in Pennsylvania and Illinois before flying to Manila for the Solheim Cup break.

"Jenny's just dying to come home. She feels tired and is really longing for a break," Mrs. Rosales said.

Pak also continued the LPGA domination of Korean aces after Han had won two of the last four events prior to the Jamie Farr. Pak celebrated the victory by jumping into the swimming pool at Highland Meadows Golf Club.

Pak won for the third time this season, following victories at the Safeway and the Chick-fil-A. *Jong Arcano*

ROSALES

Roddick grills Fish, cops title

CINNCINNATI, Ohio—Andy Roddick needed plenty of perseverance to reel in fellow American Mardy Fish 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-4) Sunday to win his fifth title of the year at the Tennis Masters Cincinnati.

After surviving to take the win, Roddick's first concern was to wish his father, sitting in the stands, a happy birthday.

"Happy birthday, Dad," said the seventh-seeded Roddick. "I love you, Mom. I love you, Dad and happy birthday." The 20-year-old Roddick, who will move to number one in the ATP Champions race on Monday, is the player to beat these days, having won three titles on the hardcourt summer circuit in the US—Indianapolis, Montreal and Cincinnati.

In Toronto, world number three Justine Henin-Hardenne romped to a 6-1, 6-0 victory over unseeded Russian teenager Lina Krasnoroutskaya in the final of the $1.3 million Canadian Open on Sunday. *AFP*

Paragua trips foe, shares top spot in Spain

FILIPINO Grandmaster candidate Mark Callano Paragua outwitted Spaniard Rafael Alvarez Ibarra with the black pieces in the fourth round and gained a share of the lead in the 1st International Del Solsones chess championship in Solsona, Spain yesterday.

The 10th seeded Paraguara tallied 3.5 points to join a 13-man group that included second seed GM Ivan Ivanisevic, 4th seed GM Artur Kogan of Israel, 6th seed GM Viktor Moskalenko of Ukraine, 8th seed IM Fernando Peralta of Argentina, GM Jordi Magem Badals of Spain, IM Yuri Gonzales of Cuba, GM Jose Luis Fernandez Garcia of Spain, IM Roland Berzinsh of Latvia, IM Petr Velicka of Czech Republic, IM Rodney Perez of Cuba, Fide Master Alejandro Pablo Mari of Spain and IM Jose Luis Vilela of Cuba.

Another RP bet, IM Joseph Sanchez bounced back after a 1st round loss to Paragua, posting three consecutive wins—the latest over Vicens Santamaria Maș—for three points. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

Lhuillier, Taguig down NBL rivals

CEBU CITY—M. Lhuillier Kwarta Padala-Cebu and Forward Taguig beat separate rivals yesterday to move within a win of clinching final seats in the 1st NBL National Championship at the New Cebu Coliseum here.

The Cebuanos, eyeing their second championship stint since their runner-up finish in the 1st NBL Regional tourney, unloaded an 11-0 second quarter blast to pull away and prevail, 81-74, at the kickoff of their best-of-three semifinals against Compak-Shineway-Ozamiz City.

Forward Taguig, on the other hand, banked on an endgame break for an 87-81 escape over Pampanga Bulls in the other semifinal match of the tournament sponsored by Tanduay Rhum, Air Philippines, PCSO, Panasonic, Burlington, Cebu Ferries, SuperCat, Gatorade, Nature's Spring Drinking Water, BJ Star Logistics, The Freeman, Sinners and Saints, Jaguar KTV and Molten Basketball. NBL games are telecast over IBC-13 through the facilities of Silverstar Communications Inc. with replays over Destiny's Prime Channel 61.

Laguna footrace set; Big J guest

SENATOR Robert Jaworski Sr. will be invited as the guest of honor and speaker in the awarding ceremonies of the First Laguna Marathon, 10K Open and 3K Kiddie runs at the Pacita Complex in San Pedro, Laguna, Sunday.

This was announced yesterday by Laguna Marathon Committee head Louie Mangahis, who is also the chair of the organizing San Pedro Team Unified Sports Association.

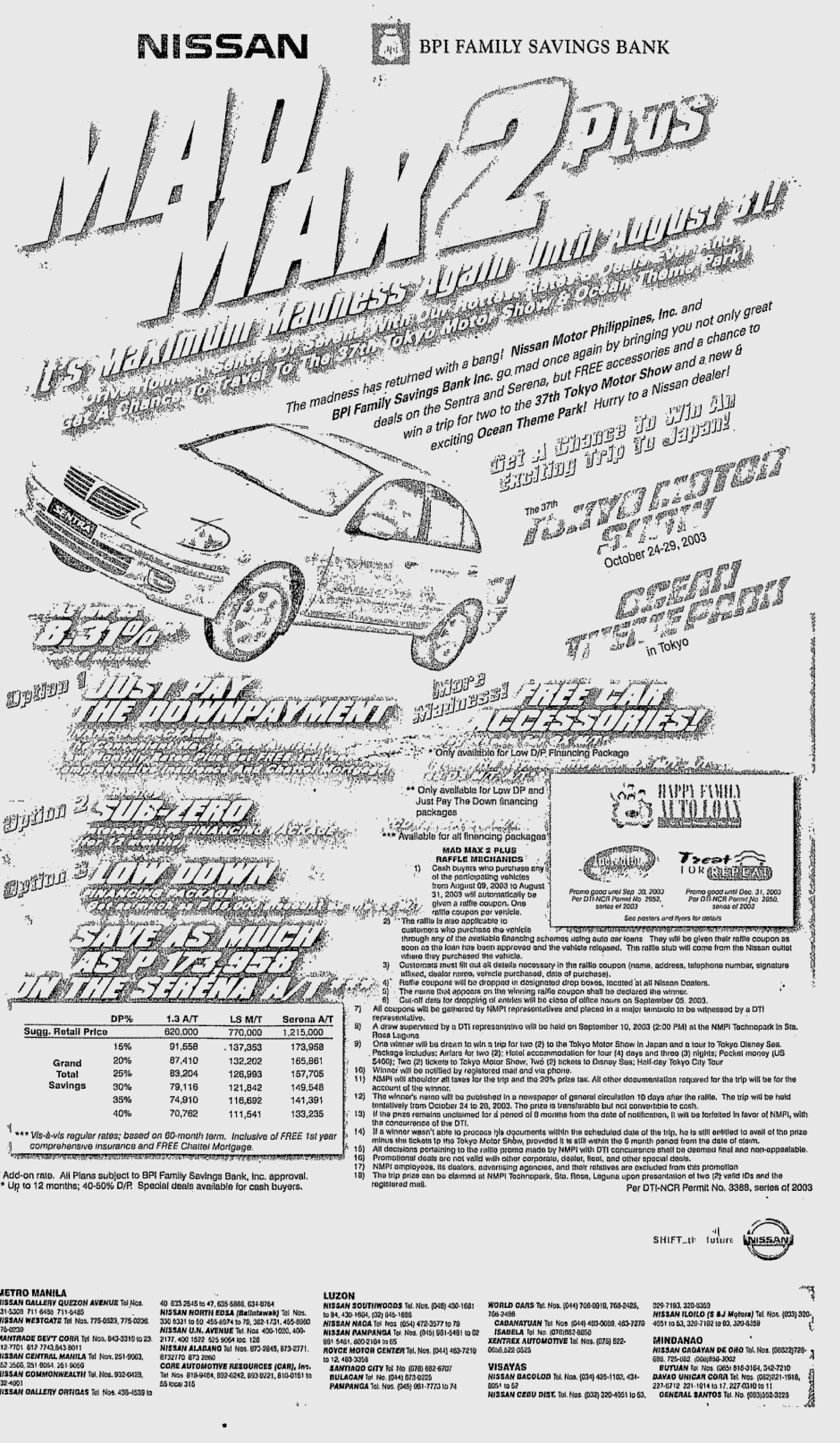
Backing the race are Nissan Motor Philippines Inc., Robinsons-Santa Rosa, Kawasaki, K Service, Pepsi Cole Products Philippines Inc.-Calamba Branch, Design Science Inc. Absolute Natural Drinking Water and Water Island Purified Drinking Water.

Deadline for registration is on Wednesday (Aug. 20) at the Bikeroom c/o Nelia "Bheng" Lim located in 2190 Leveriza St., Pasay City, with tel. 5512453 and 5516228, and at 98 Mabini St., Bgy. Poblacion, San Pedro, Laguna c/o SPTUSA president Jing Anchoriz (868-7588 and 0920-8506550).

US 5 rips P. Rico

NEW YORK—The United States will head to the Olympic basketball qualifying tournament of the Americas buoyed by a 101-74 victory over Puerto Rico in an exhibition game on Sunday.

Center Tim Duncan of the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs led the Americans with a game-high 21 points and 15 rebounds with forward Tracy McGrady adding 15 points and guard Ray Allen 14. *AFP*



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7) All coupons will be gathered by NMPI representatives and placed in a major tambiolo to be witnessed by a DTI representative.
8) A draw supervised by a DTI representative will be held on September 10, 2003 (2:00 PM) at the NMPI Technopark in Sta. Rosa Laguna.
9) One winner will be drawn to win a trip for two (2) to the Tokyo Motor Show in Japan and a tour to Tokyo Disney Sea. Package includes: Airfare for two (2); Hotel accommodation for four (4) days and three (3) nights; Pocket money (US $400); Two (2) tickets to Tokyo Motor Show; Two (2) tickets to Disney Sea; Half-day Tokyo City Tour
10) Winner will be notified by registered mail and via phone.
11) NMPI will shoulder all taxes for the trip and the 20% prize tax. All other documentation required for the trip will be for the account of the winner.
12) The winner's name will be published in a newspaper of general circulation 10 days after the raffle. The trip will be held tentatively from October 24 to 28, 2003. The prize is transferable but not convertible to cash.
13) If the prize remains unclaimed for a period of 6 months from the date of notification, it will be forfeited in favor of NMPI, with the concurrence of the DTI.
14) If a winner wasn't able to process his documents within the scheduled date of the trip, he is still entitled to avail of the prize minus the tickets to the Tokyo Motor Show, provided it is still within the 6 month period from the date of claim.
15) All decisions pertaining to the raffle promo made by NMPI with DTI concurrence shall be deemed final and non-appealable.
16) Promotional deals are not valid with other corporate, dealer, fleet, and other special deals.
17) NMPI employees, its dealers, advertising agencies, and their relatives are excluded from this promotion
18) The trip prize can be claimed at NMPI Technopark, Sta. Rosa, Laguna upon presentation of two (2) valid IDs and the registered mail.

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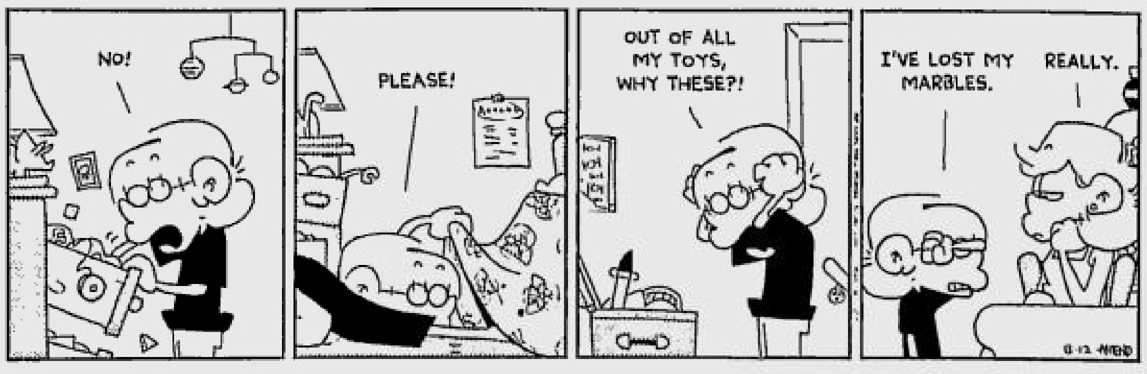
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OUT OF ALL MY TOYS, WHY THESE?!
I'VE LOST MY MARBLES.
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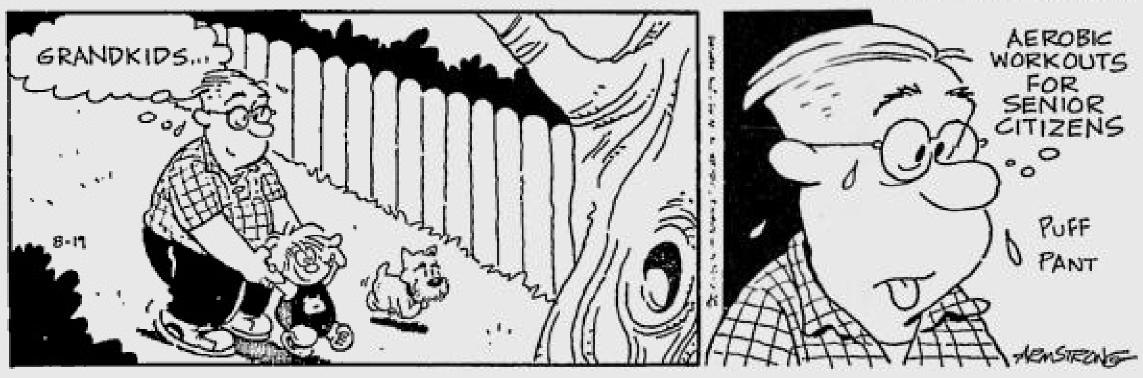
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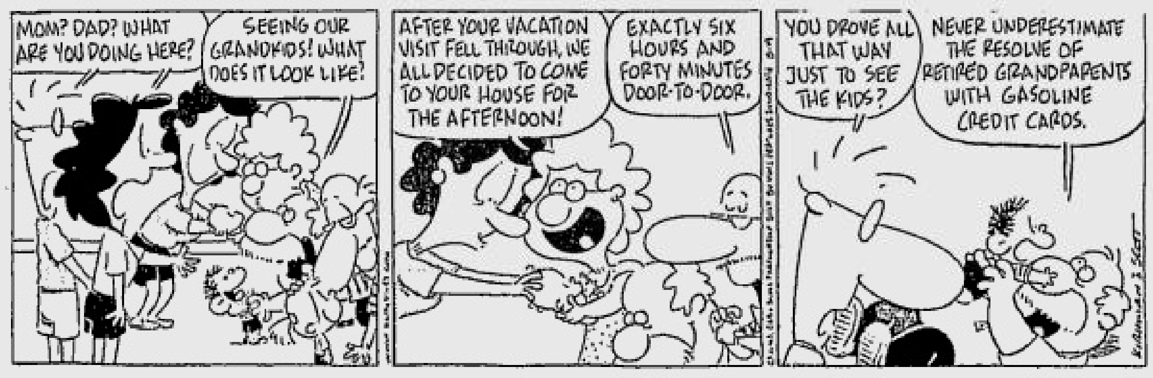
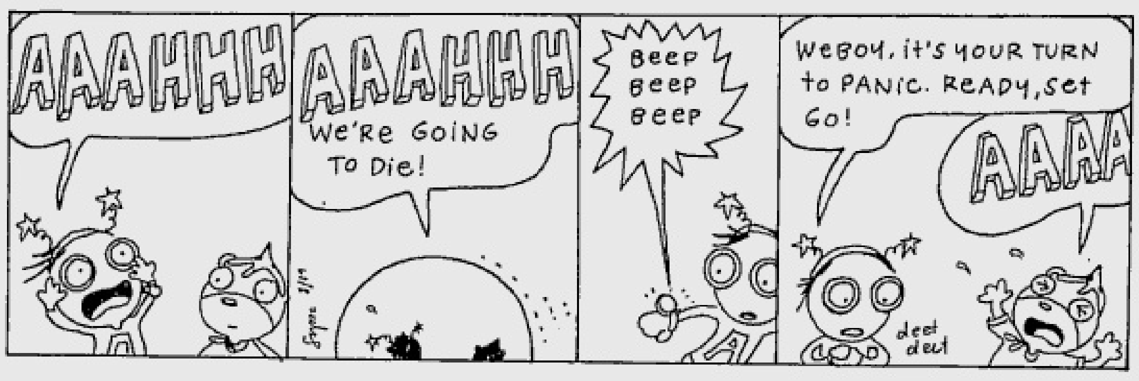

MOM? DAD? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SEEING OUR GRANDKIDS! WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
AFTER YOUR VACATION VISIT FELL THROUGH, WE ALL DECIDED TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE FOR THE AFTERNOON!
EXACTLY SIX HOURS AND FORTY MINUTES DOOR-TO-DOOR.
YOU DROVE ALL THAT WAY JUST TO SEE THE KIDS?
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE RESOLVE OF RETIRED GRANDPARENTS WITH GASOLINE CREDIT CARDS.

ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO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AAAHHH
We're GOING To Die!
Beep Beep Beep
WeBoy, it's your TURN to PANIC. READy, set Go!
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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are confident and patient. However, you are private in what you choose to reveal about yourself. You will not tell others what you think they cannot handle. Because of this, people can make wrong assumptions about you. You work slowly to build your career. Great changes might take place for you this year.
Birthdate of: Matthew Perry, actor; Kyra Sedgwick, actress; Bill Clinton, US president.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You might want to discuss your financial scene with others today. This could entail a trip to the bank or just a friendly discussion with a pal over a cup of coffee.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): With the Moon in your sign today, you have a slight advantage over everybody else. Use this to your own best benefit.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): This is a very busy time for you now! Try to steal a little time just for you today, if you can. You need to catch your breath.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Discussions with a female friend can be rewarding today. You might also enjoy shopping with someone. Buy yourself a little gift if you can afford to do so.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): When talking to a parent or boss, be patient and simply listen. With three planets in your sign now, you hold all the cards anyway.

VIRGO (Aug 23 to Sept 22) Try to do something today a little different and out of your normal daily routine. Take a different route to or from work. Talk to different people; visit different stores.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Be ready to listen to advice from a friend who might help you make a decision about shared property or the joint ownership of something. You might also hear a good tip about a job today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): With the Moon opposite your sign now, you have to be more patient than usual with others. The good news is that you could learn something quite valuable to you.

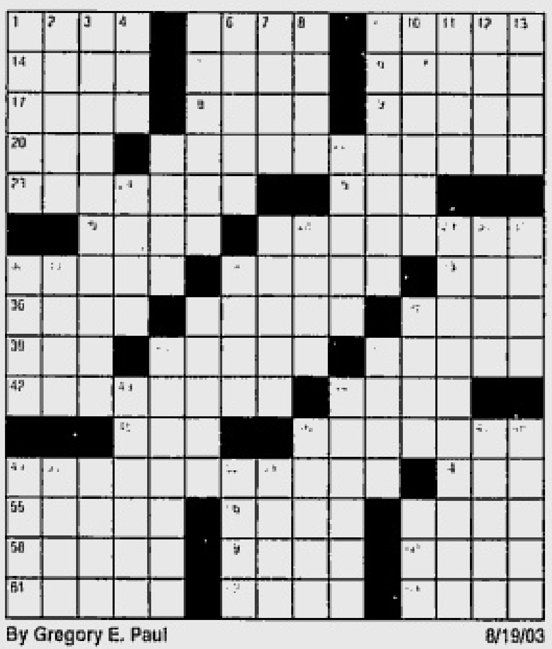
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Co-workers are supportive this morning. Try to work more by yourself as the day wears on. Be patient with family tension that exists now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Try to let a little playful element into your day today. You need a bit more fun and relaxation! (It doesn't have to be much.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Family discussions could be a major focus today. They might center on your money-spending habits or your desire to purchase a particular item.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Try to get more physical exercise if you can. Contact a friend or a sibling to join you. At the very least, jog in front of your fridge!

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Gregory E. Paul
Scottdale, PA
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ACROSS
1 Sail support
5 Con game
9 Food court locations
14 Workplace injury grp.
15 Lay asphalt
16 Squeaking sound
17 Jay Leno's "Leading with My __"
18 Piccadilly Circus statue
19 Lariat
20 "Playboy" founder, to pals
21 Snap
23 Colony of social climbers?
25 French one
26 Salon goops
27 Hive leader
32 Effrontery
34 Easily upset
35 Coffee vessel
36 Take a __ off
37 Endeavors
38 Small singing group
39 Financing fig.
40 Shade providers
41 Ice-cream holders
42 Tactful
44 Run smoothly
45 Actor Chaney
46 Leave breathless
49 Tire
54 Prevent
55 Freeze over
56 "For Whom the __ Tolls"
57 Double-reed woodwind
58 Cutting edge
59 List unit
60 Skirt edges
61 Lecherous man
62 Snacks
63 Med. scans

DOWN
1 Dark olive brown
2 Pale
3 Change the pace
4 Light brown
5 Indefinite time periods
6 Ms. Channing
7 Declare
8 City near Phoenix
9 Star of "Major Dad"
10 Up for the day
11 News source?
12 Behind time
13 Card game for three
21 Swindle
22 Wild stab
24 Obey
27 Hushed
28 Manipulates
29 Leave in a hurry
30 Canal of song
31 Son of Seth
32 Robed
33 Navajo's neighbor
34 Complimentary
37 QB Dilfer
38 Matador foe
40 Reliable actor
41 Knife wounds
43 Overcast
44 Proverbs preceder
46 Shoelace tip
47 Model Campbell
48 Costume
49 Chest bones
50 Home of the Bruins
51 No water or ice
52 Theatrical award
53 Greek cheese
57 Resistance unit

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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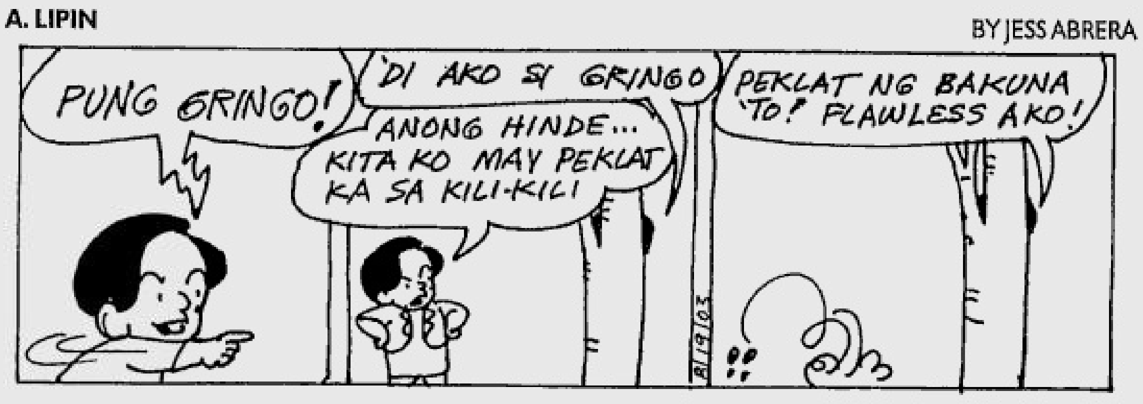
PUNG GRINGO!
'DI AKO SI GRINGO
ANONG HINDE... KITA KO MAY PEKLAT KA SA KILI-KILI
PEKLAT NG BAKUNA 'TO! FLAWLESS AKO!
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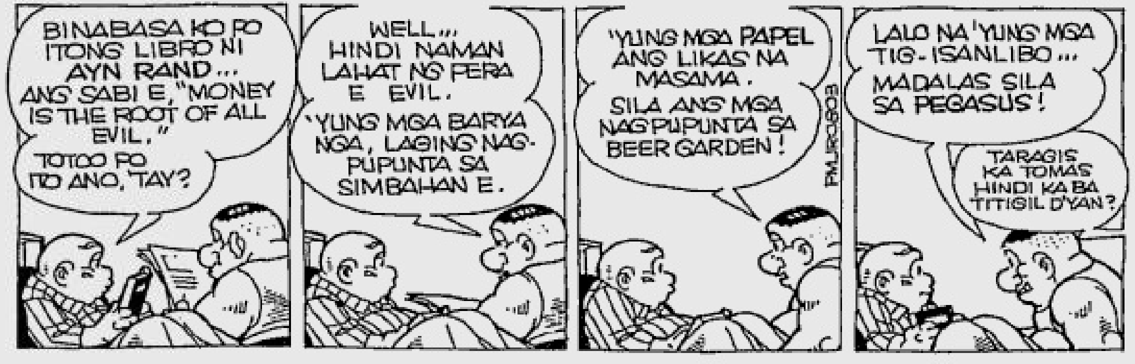
PUGAD BABOY BY P.M. JUNIOR


BINABASA KO PO ITONG LIBRO NI AYN RAND... ANG SABI E, "MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL."
TOTOO PO ITO ANO, 'TAY?
WELL... HINDI NAMAN LAHAT NG PERA E EVIL.
'YUNG MGA BARYA NGA, LAGING NAGPUPUNTA SA SIMBAHAN E.
'YUNG MGA PAPEL ANG LIKAS NA MASAMA.
SILA ANG MGA NAGPUPUNTA SA BEER GARDEN!
PMJR0803
LALO NA 'YUNG MGA TIG-ISANLIBO... MADALAS SILA SA PEGASUS!
TARAGIS KA TOMAS HINDI KA BA TITIGIL D'YAN?

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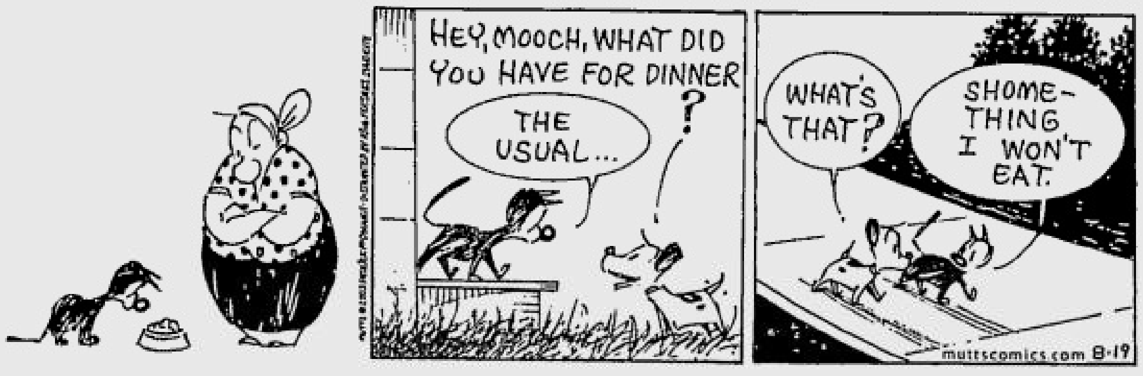
HEY, MOOCH, WHAT DID YOU HAVE FOR DINNER
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THE USUAL...
WHAT'S THAT?
SHOME-THING I WON'T EAT.
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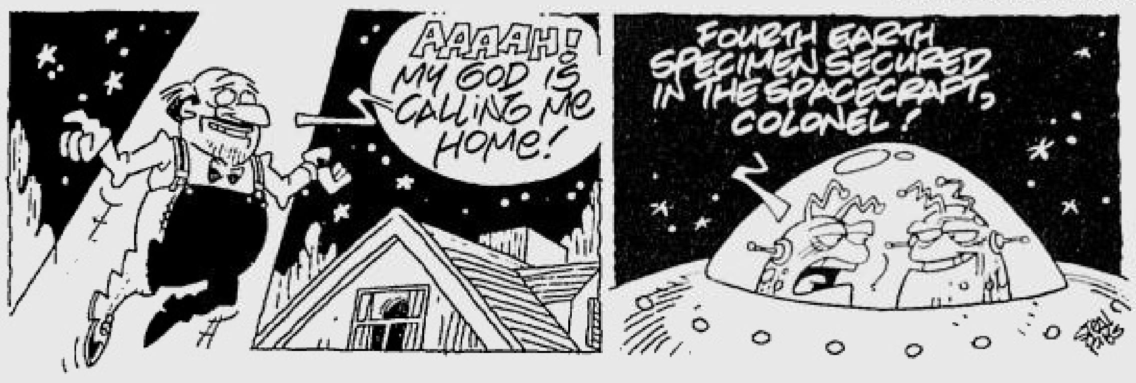
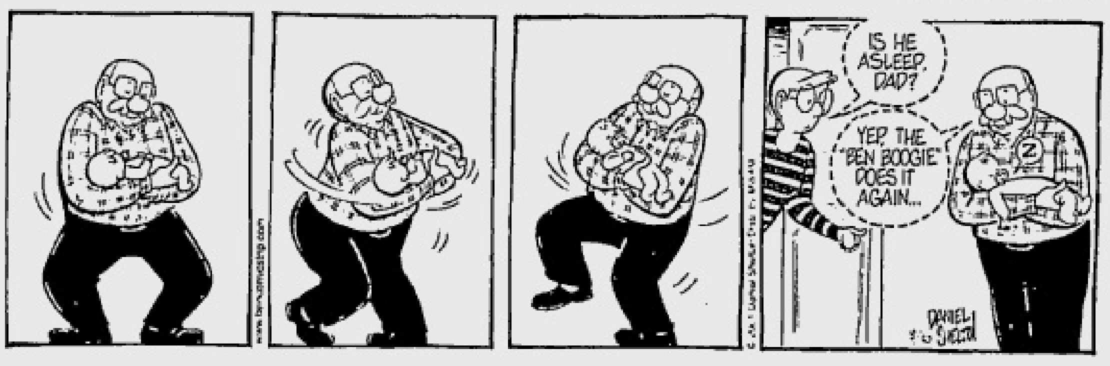

AAAAH! MY GOD IS CALLING ME HOME!
FOURTH EARTH SPECIMEN SECURED IN THE SPACECRAFT, COLONEL!

BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON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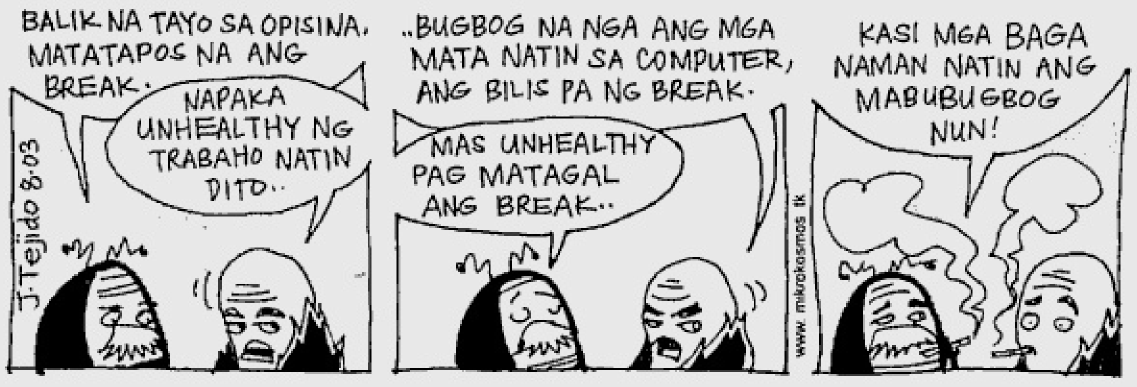
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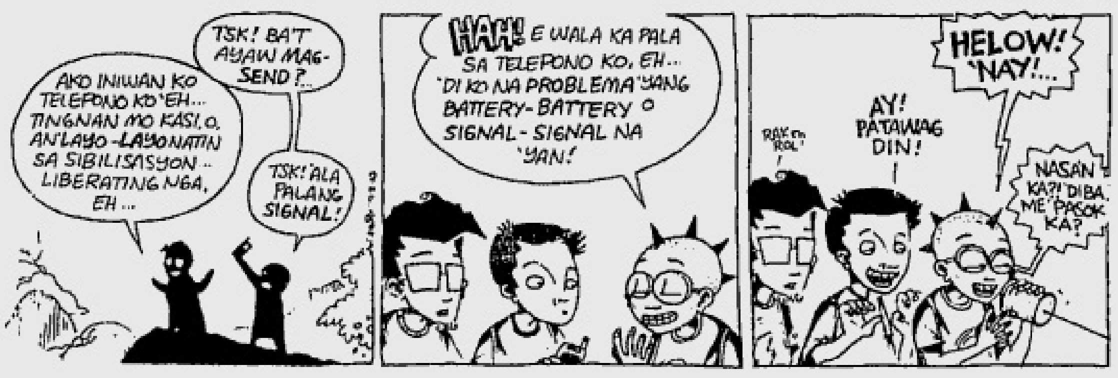
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TSK! BAT AYAW MAG-SEND?
TSK! 'ALA PALANG SIGNAL!
HAH! E WALA KA PALA SA TELEPONO KO, EH... 'DI KO NA PROBLEMA 'YANG BATTERY-BATTERY O SIGNAL-SIGNAL NA 'YAN!
RAK EN ROL
AY! PATAWAG DIN!
HELOW! 'NAY!...
NASAN KA?! 'DIBA ME' PASOK KA?

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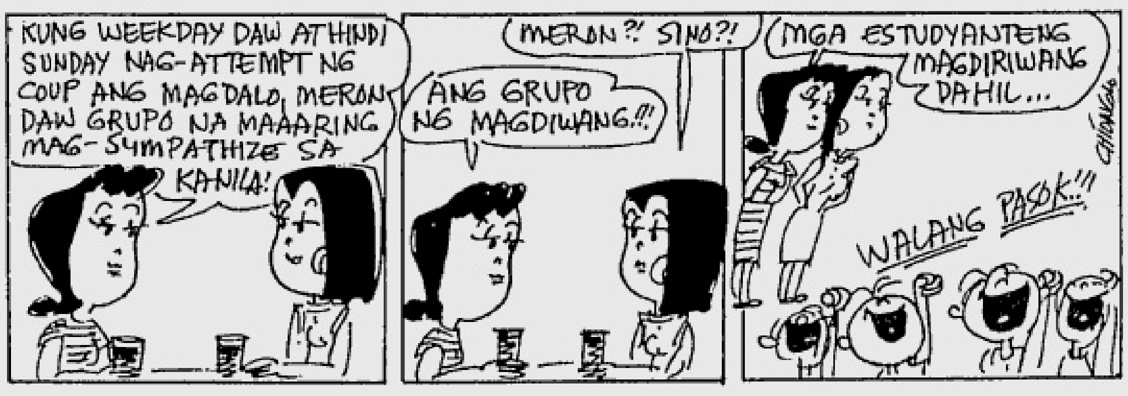
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ANG GRUPO NG MAGDIWANG!!!
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WALANG PASOK!!!
CHIONGLO

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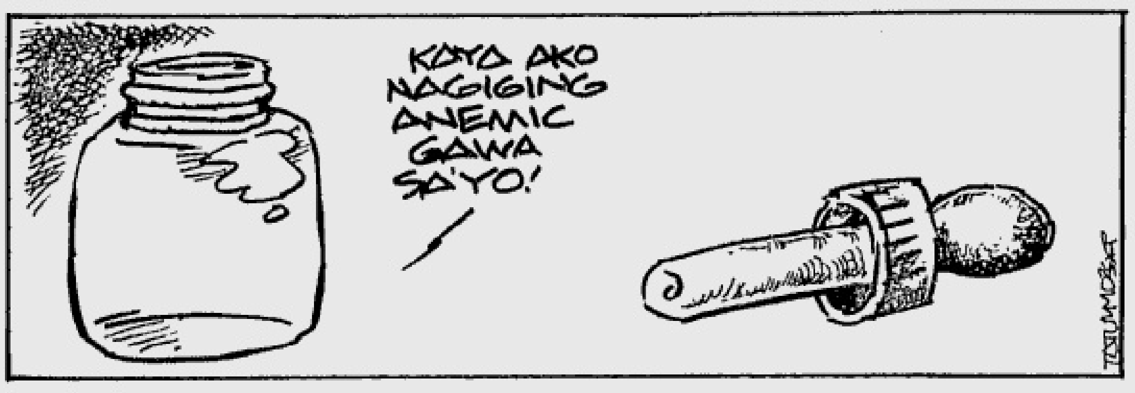
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4 FINDING NEMO

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7 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
8 TOMB RAIDER: CRADLE OF LIFE
9 NOON AT NGAYON
10 MOTEL
11 DARK WATER
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1 BAD BOYS 2
2 FINDING NEMO
3 TOMB RAIDER: CRADLE OF LIFE
4 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
5 BULLETPROOF MONK
6 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
7 MR. BONES
8 NAKED WEAPON
9 NOON AT NGAYON
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11 THE IN-LAWS
12 NOON AT NGAYON

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2 BAD BOYS 2
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4 BULLETPROOF MONK
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6 MR. BONES
7 THE DEBUT
8 IN-LAWS
9 NOON AT NGAYON
10 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
11 DARK WATER
12 TUKAAN

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1 BULLETPROOF MONK
2 TOMB RAIDER: CRADLE OF LIFE
3 THE DEBUT
4 NOON AT NGAYON
5 FINDING NEMO
6 MR. BONES
7 BAD BOYS 2
8 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN

SM SOUTHMALL
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1 MR. BONES
2 NOON AT NGAYON
3 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
4 FINDING NEMO
5 TOMB RAIDER: CRADLE OF LIFE
6 NOON AT NGAYON
7 CLOSED
8 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
9 BAD BOYS 2
10 MOTEL

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1 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
2 BAD BOYS 2
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4 LIZZIE MCGUIRE
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4 FINDING NEMO

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3 NOON AT NGAYON
4 BAD BOYS 2

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6 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN

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3 FINDING NEMO
4 BAD BOYS 2

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1 BAD BOYS 2
2 LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN
3 NOON AT NGAYON
4 TOMB RAIDER: CRADLE OF LIFE

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3 THE DEBUT - 11:05, 12:55, 2:45, 4:35, 6:25, 8:15, 10:00
4 THE IN-LAWS - 10:15, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
5 MR. BONES - 11:05, 12:55, 2:45, 4:35, 6:25, 8:15, 10:00
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3 FINDING NEMO
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Walang Kapalit
VIVA

REUNITED Sharon Cuneta reunites with ex-boyfriend Richard Gomez and director Joel Lamangan in "Walang Kapalit," a poignant drama about separation and reconciliation as well as the heartbreaking process of annulment. Exclusively from Viva Video, "Walang Kapalit" is available on VHS, VCD and DVD at Astrovision, Astroplus, Video City, Odyssey, SM record bars, SM supermarkets, SM Appliance, O Music, Music One, National Bookstores, Ever Department Stores, The Landmark, Tower Records and other Viva Video outlets nationwide.

Joey suspended...

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tiny Cable, is facing a 20-day suspension for airing a film that contained sex scenes and frontal nudity in the afternoon of Aug. 14.

Laguardia said the romance-drama film "Ring Master" that Destiny Channel 48 (Movie Magic) aired at 6 p.m. last Aug. 14 contained several scenes of breast exposure, sex scenes and frontal nudity, in violation of the MTRCB rules.

She said Destiny Cable also violated Section 7 of Presidential Decree No. 1986 when it aired "Ring Master" without a permit from the MTRCB.

Laguardia ordered Christopher Santiago, Destiny Cable vice president for external affairs, to explain in writing why no legal action should be taken against the cable operator."

Last week, the MTRCB ordered the suspension of two channels operated by Cablelink Inc. and SkyCable, also for violating the MTRCB rules.

"May this serve as a warning to all cable operators," Laguardia said.

"We have special agents who monitor your programs round the clock," she added, referring to cable operators. "We also evaluate the complaints we receive from your subscribers."

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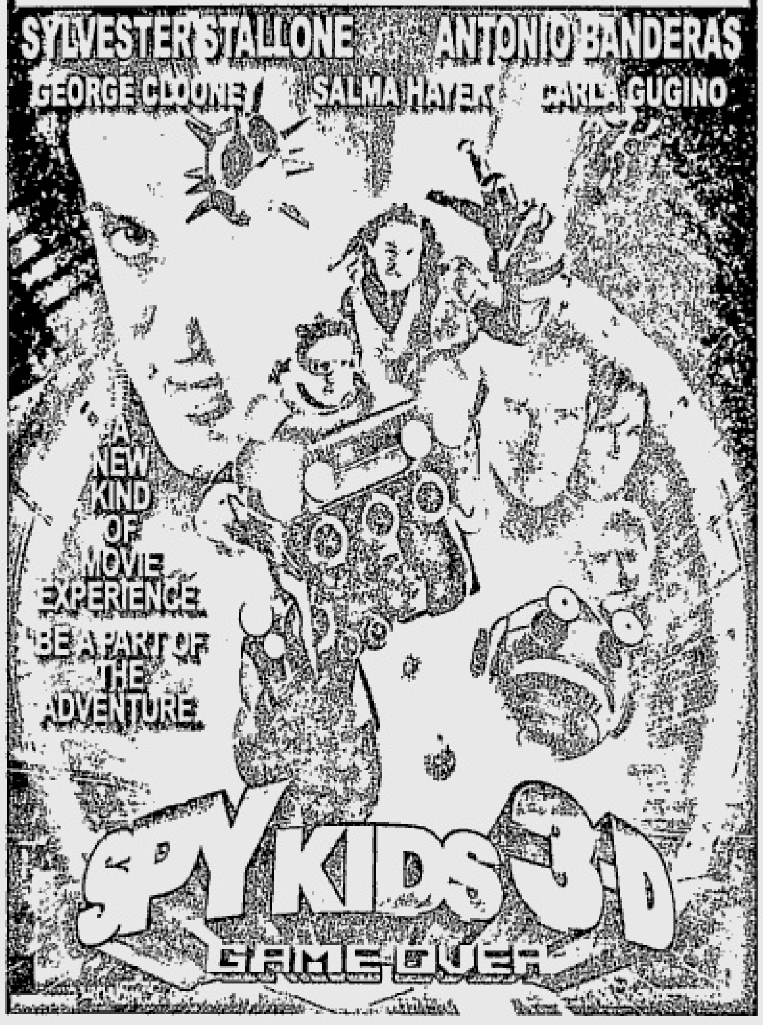
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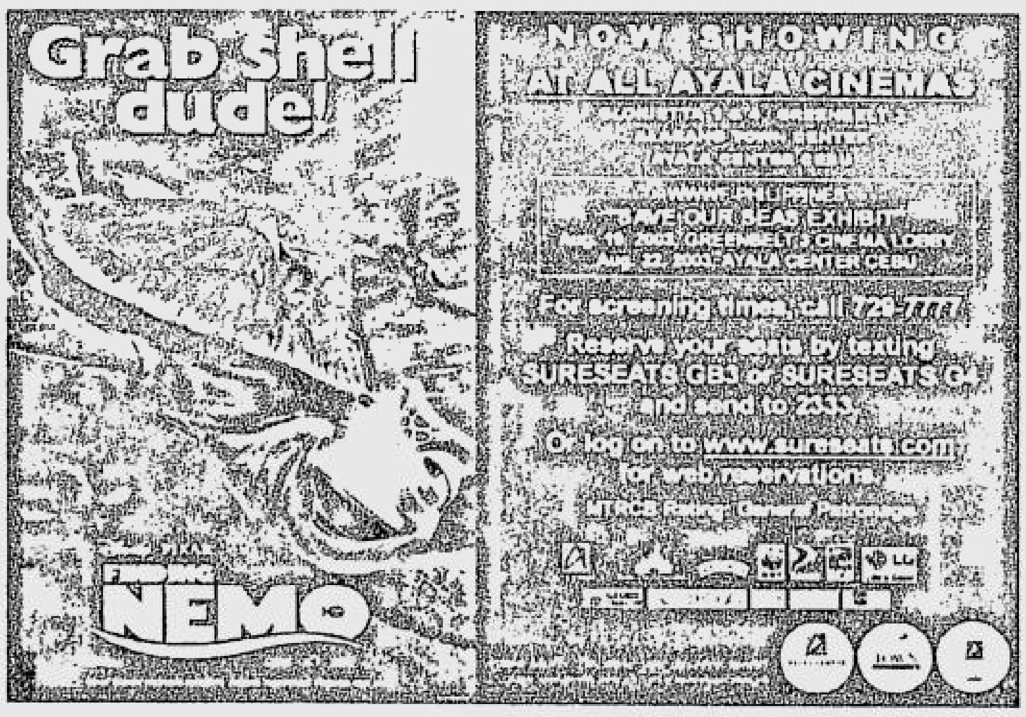
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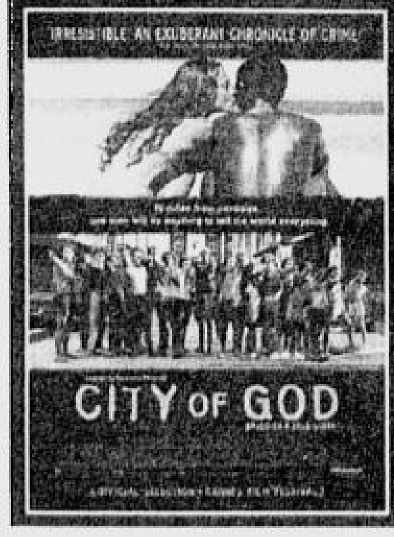
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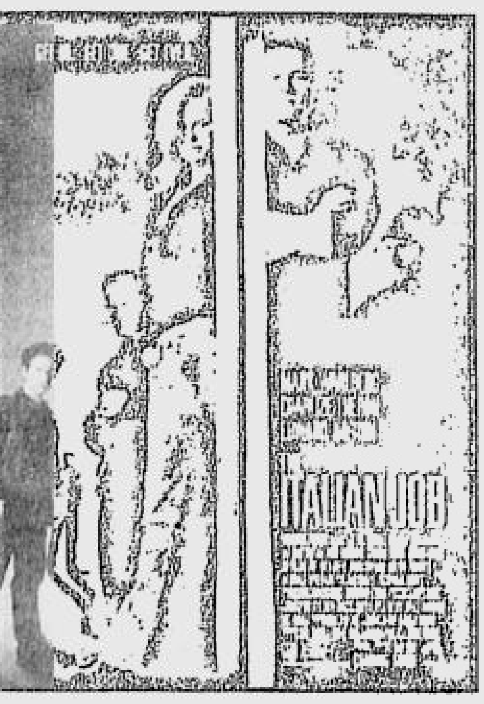
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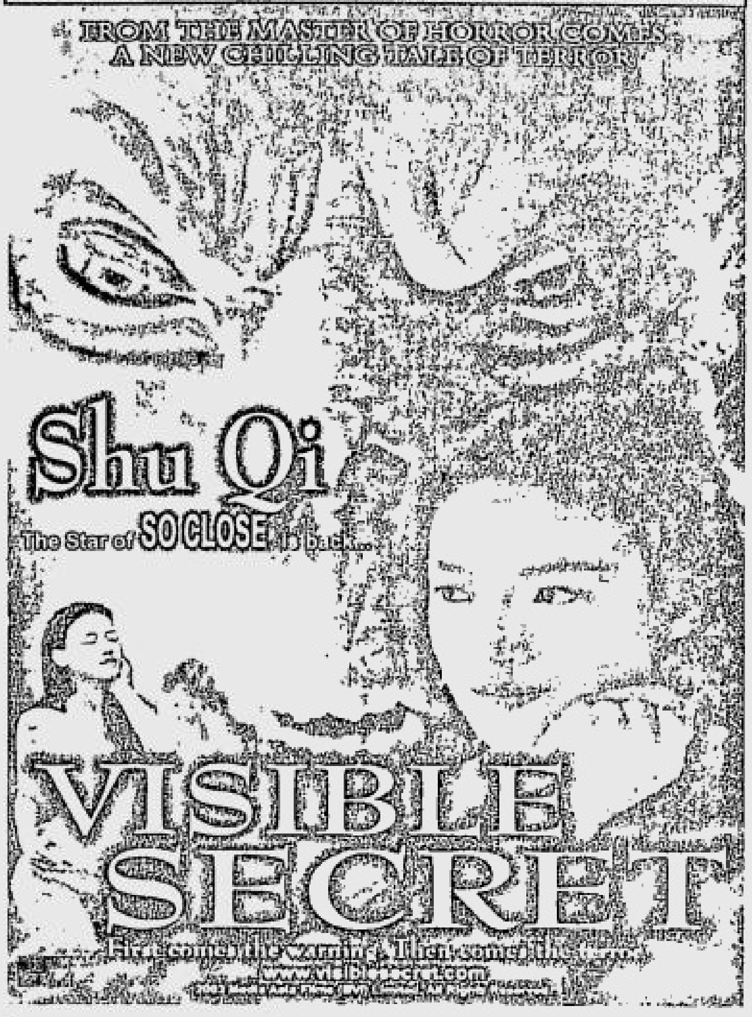
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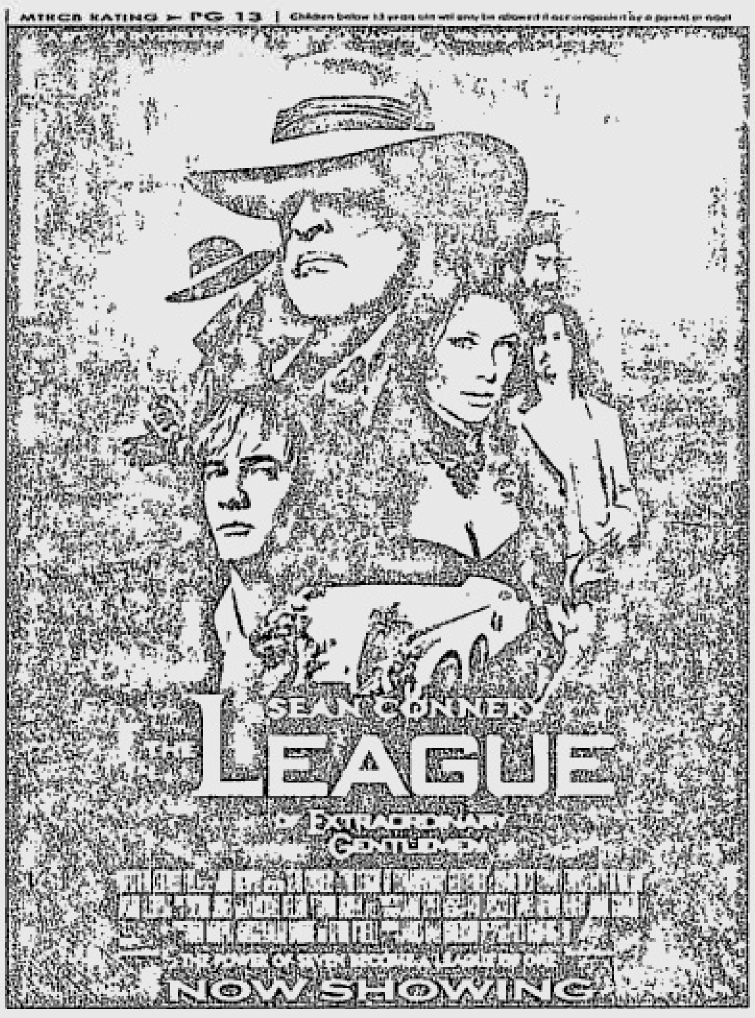
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IBC-13 keeping its options open on Angelu

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

I HAVE been swamped with e-mail and text messages after I wrote in my previous column that **Angelu de Leon** is no longer part of "Celebrity DAT Com," our show with **TJ Manotoc**, because she appeared as a guest in a rival program, "Magpakailanman" on GMA 7, which is strictly prohibited in our contract.

We had an emergency meeting, and till now nothing is really definite yet. It's still up in the air if Angelu would be back on the air to do the hosting chores with TJ and me. IBC-13 management is keeping its options open.

Both TJ and I echo the same sentiments about the situation. It's not easy to build the kind of chemistry that the three of us have. Although TJ and I can work with anybody, having a new co-host would sort of ruin the momentum as the show goes into a new season. And Angelu's star value is surely a plus factor for the show.

For IBC's part, management was quite shocked to find out that Angelu agreed to appear in "Magpakailanman" without informing them beforehand. It's an unwritten rule in show biz that any celebrity should not appear in a show that is in a head-on collision with his or her own program, for the sake of *delicadeza*. As our director **Manny Castañeda** put it, "It's taboo!"

But, of course, Angelu may have her own reasons for agreeing to star in one episode of "Magpakailanman," and we respect that. I heard that her manager, **Girlie Buendia**, told a staff member of our show that since Angelu's contract for the first season had expired last July, she thought that her guest appearance this August was no longer covered by the contract because she wasn't sure at that time if the show would have another season. Valid point.

But it really depends upon the discretion of IBC-13 whether they would honor Girlie's explanation or dismiss it as an alibi. Show biz is unpredictable, so who knows? Maybe this Thursday, Angelu will be back in the show for good because many people, including TJ and me, want her bad.

TJ's 'walkout'

Speaking of TJ, he just laughed off rumors that he walked out on an interview he was scheduled to have with **Aubrey Miles**.

"I was floored when I read the headline of a tabloid sáying that I'm pissed at Aubrey," he said. "That's not true at all. ABS-CBN thought I was with the crew of GMA 7 so they didn't expect to see me in a Channel 2 affair. I was there for my show with IBC-13 and not GMA7. *Madali naman akong kausap*, so when they gave me the runaround, I just ate dessert and left quietly.

"*Pinalaki lang ng iba 'yung* incident. Why would I be mad at Aubrey? She's one of my crushes *nga eh*."

If Aubrey didn't have **Troy Montero** for a steady date, I'm sure TJ would be miles apart from Aubrey's other admirers in winning her heart.

And now on Troy. He's happy that all is well between him and his ex-girlfriend **Cher Calvin**, who's making waves on Fox TV.

"It was a bad break-up," Troy said of his relationship with Cher. The long-distance set-up aggravated matters. But the wounds have healed and it could not have happened at a better time.

"Our birthdays are days apart," he said. "She texted me to greet me on my birthday and I did the same. Now we have rediscovered our friendship and I'm proud that she's shining abroad."

Troy has fully recovered and he can't hide the twinkle in his eyes when you mention the name of Aubrey Miles. He does not deny that they spend a lot of time together and that they really click. Both of them have bodies to die for so they make quite a gorgeous pair. Hopefully, their hearts will be a perfect fit, too.

Paolo's 'Playlist'

Paolo Santos is ecstatic about the release of his debut album, "Playlist." It contains 11 original cuts and his version of **Stevie Wonder's** hit, "Overjoyed."

Paolo let me listen to his CD at our fave after-hours chill-out place, Friends@d'square, and I fell instantly in love with all the cuts. I must say that the two Tagalog songs, "Eto Na" and "Mapansin," could soon become national anthems of hopeless romantics.

Paolo is taking a well-deserved break for the whole month of September, but his CD will surely make his legions of fans clamor for more. Check out Paolo's "Playlist."

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Aug 19 Tuesday	GREENBELT 1 CINEMA 1	POWER TRIP (Documentary) USA	EDI Poland	HULING BIRHEN SA LUPA Philippines	WHALE RIDER New Zealand	PUBLIC TOILET Hong Kong
	GREENBELT 1 CINEMA 2	OTILIA RAUDA Mexico	DOLLS Japan	THE SON (Le Fils) Belgium/France	BLESSING BELL Japan	EROTIC TALES Germany
Aug 20 Wednesday	GREENBELT 1 CINEMA 1	CA BAU KAN (A Courtesan) Indonesia	PILA BALDE Philippines	ANGEL ON THE RIGHT Tajikistan	BRIEF CROSSING France	RING I Japan
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Stellar clout

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

NOVEL star combinations are thought up by movie producers to give otherwise standard film projects a new hook and added edge.

Take Columbia Pictures' new action-thriller, "S.W.A.T.," the big-screen version of the popular '70s television series. One of its biggest selling points is its pairing of veteran actor **Samuel L. Jackson** and young comer **Colin Farrell**.

Farrell plays Jim Street, a former SWAT team member who is kicked out after a controversial decision he made during a robbery-hostage standoff. Since being a cop is of utmost importance to him, Street agrees to a demotion, hoping to redeem himself someday and thus be able to rejoin the SWAT team.

He gets his chance when team commander Dan Harrelson (Jackson) is assigned to train five topnotch cops for a new SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Unit.

After weeks of intense physical training, the new team is thrown into action when a notorious drug lord (played by **Olivier Martinez**) offers a $100-million bounty to anyone who can free him from police custody.

As expected, a ruthless and well-armed gang of reward-seekers try to spring the kingpin from SWAT control as he is escorted out of Los Angeles, into the hands of the FBI.

The presence of Olivier Martinez ("Unfaithful") in the movie's cast indicates that the production's policy of novel casting extends down to the also-starring and supporting levels.

The ensemble cast includes **Michelle Rodriguez** ("The Fast and the Furious"), and **James Todd Smith**, a.k.a. LL Cool J ("Any Given Sunday") as two of the new SWAT team's trainees.

With stellar clout like this, "S.W.A.T." is expected to click with local fans of hard action and buddy capers.

After Samuel L. Jackson, another established black film star, **Eddie Murphy**, is coming up with a new project, this time a family comedy titled "Daddy Day Care." The hook here is the fact that Murphy is acting with a lot of child talents, who threaten to upstage him in scene after scene.

The challenge is for the comedy star to keep the movie's focus firmly on himself despite his little co-actors' boundless natural cuteness and charm.

In the film, Murphy finds himself unemployed and decides to make money by running a day-care center for three and four year olds. The movie's comic twist is that he gets much more than he bargained for.

But the upbeat outcome is, Murphy ends up bonding with his own little tyke, whom he neglected when he still had a full-time office job. So, things do work out well, even in a harum-scarum comedy.

Finally, "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" has its own impressive stellar cast (**Sean Connery, Shane West, Peta Wilson, Stuart Townsend**) and the wildest hook of all: Heroes from literature are called upon by Queen Victoria to save the world from a madman who wants to turn nations against each other. Far out!

'Lost Subs'

LEARN more about submarines and the people who work inside them on National Geographic Channel's "Lost Subs," 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

On Aug. 23, "The Search for Kennedy's PT 109" shows **Robert Ballard** returning to Blackett Strait to find the wreck of Lt. **Jack Kennedy's** vessel, which was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the Solomon Islands nearly 60 years ago.

Next, in "Disasters at Sea," the program takes an in-depth look at four submarine accidents involving the Soviet K-19, Russia's Kursk, the USS Thresher and the USS Squalus.

Best Group

RIVERMAYA recently won 2003 MTV Pilipinas' Best Group award at the NBC Tent at the Fort. The band won the same honor in last year's MTV Pilipinas Awards.

The band is made up of **Rico Blanco** on vocals, **Mark Escueta** on drums, **Mike Elgar** and **Kakoi Legaspi** on guitar, and **Japs Sergio** on bass.

Gifted musician

YOUNG businessman **Jun Rivera** is also a gifted musician. He has put up his own band, Zzubu, and released an album titled "Metamorphosis: The Greatest Hits," which was produced in his recording studio in Cebu City.

Rivera does vocals and plays guitar for his band. The other members are **Paul Canada, Keith Omega** and **Ritzy Arriba**.

The band's repertoire includes songs by rock icons Aerosmith, Guns 'n' Roses and Skid Row. But the group doesn't limit itself to doing covers. It has composed original songs which it performs during its gigs.

Carol Banawa's third album has 13 songs

CAROL Banawa, the multi-media star who successfully crossed over from recording to TV ("Bituin"), stage ("Little Mermaid" and "Judah Ben-Hur"), movies ("Tanging Yaman") to live performances, comes full circle with the release of her third album from Star Records.

The album contains 13 songs, including "Langit na Bituin," the theme song from the top-rating ABS-CBN primetime soap where she co-starred with superstar Nora Aunor.

Its carrier single is "Ocean Deep," a revival of the Cliff Richard hit, re-arranged by Noel Mendez.

Carol revives another hit, "Heaven Knows," originally sung by Rick Price.

Also included in the album are "Get Here," a revival of Oleta Adams' hit song, "If I Believe," "Ikaw Lamang," "Together Forever," a duet with RJ Rosales, "All the Years," "Hangga't May Kailanman," "Dito Ka Lang Sa Piling Ko," "Stay With Me" and "Ang Kulang Na Lang."

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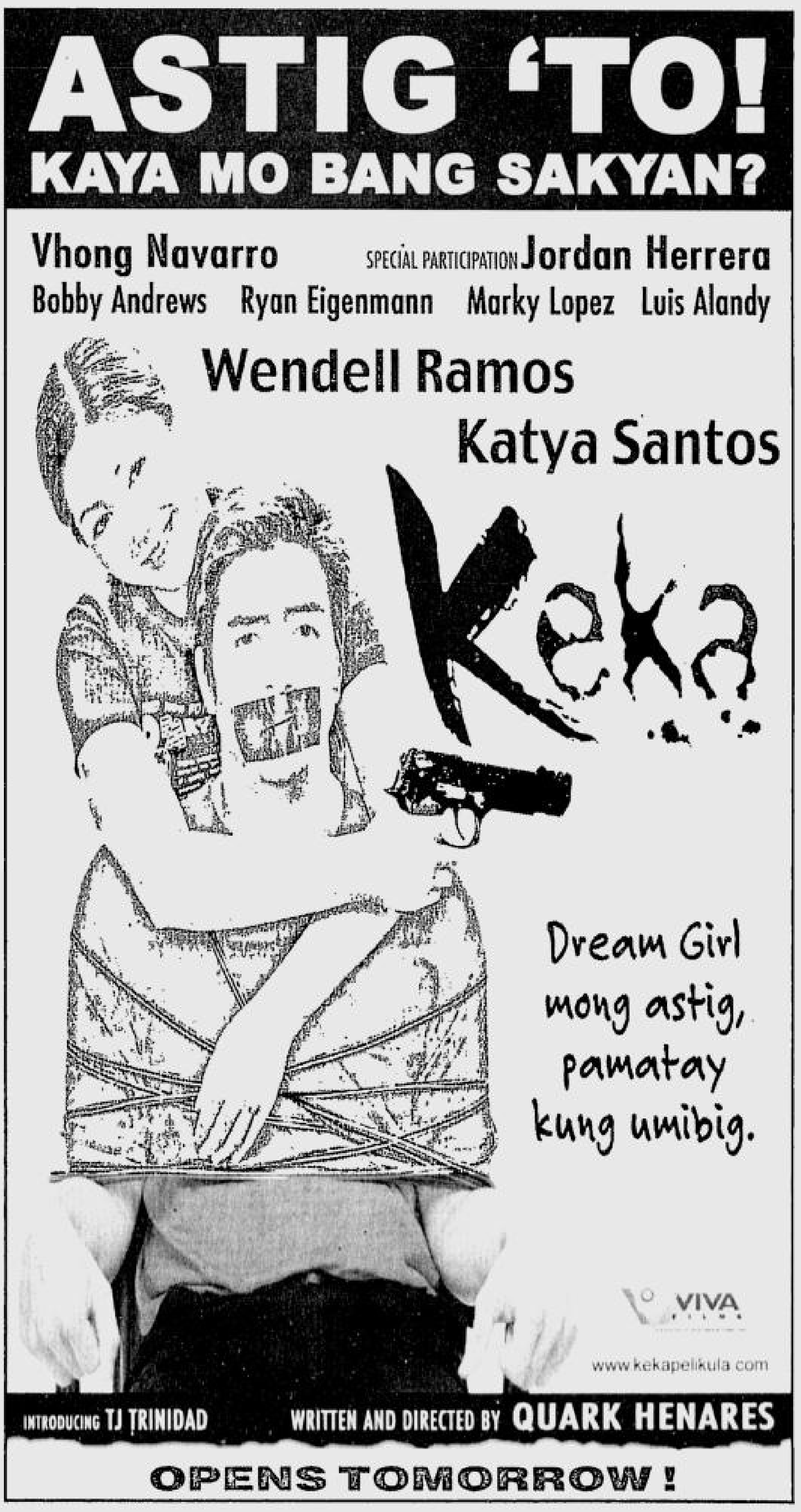

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Joey suspended over 'foul language'

By Marinel R. Cruz

COMEDIAN Joey de Leon has been suspended as host of the GMA 7 noontime show "Eat Bulaga" by program producer Television and Production Exponents Inc. (TAPE)for using "foul and double-meaning words."

TAPE suspended De Leon starting today as part of its self-regulation, and in response to a warning made by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), according to MTRCB Chair Consoliza Laguardia.

De Leon's co-host Anjo Yllana, who had also received a warning from the MTRCB, was not suspended, "because he tried to veer away from the 'bird' issue," Laguardia said.

Laguardia was referring to the show's "That's My Boy 2003" segment last May 11, where De Leon and Yllana used "objectionable and double-meaning words" while interviewing a contestant, according to an MTRCB monitoring and inspection unit.

The monitoring unit said Yllana had asked a boy contestant, "What's your favorite pet?" When the boy answered "bird," De Leon told the boy to "point" to his "bird" and to describe it, said the unit's report.

The monitoring unit quoted De Leon as asking the boy, "*Malaki? Maliit? Maliit pa lang? Anon'ng kulay ng bird mo?* (Is it big? Small? What color is your bird?)"

According to Laguardia, TAPE president Antonio Tuviera said he regretted having to suspend Joey because the two men have been working together in "Eat Bulaga" for almost 25 years.

"But (Tuviera) said he already gave his word to the MTRCB," said Laguardia.

De Leon would spend the two-week suspension in the United States, according to Laguardia, quoting the "Eat Bulaga" producer.

It was the second MTRCB warning to De Leon, according to Laguardia.

The chief censor earlier said Tuviera visited her office last month and promised to warn his talents against using double-meaning jokes on the air. "If he did warn them," she said, "maybe his warning fell on deaf ears."

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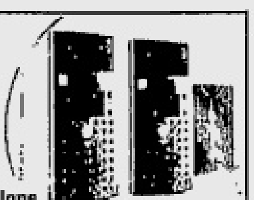

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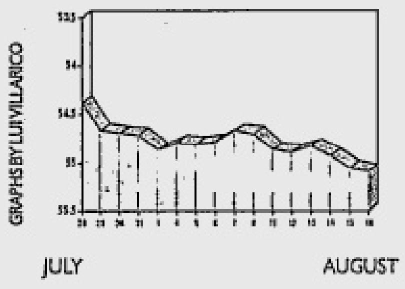

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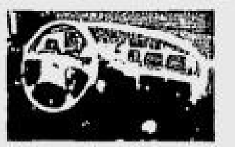
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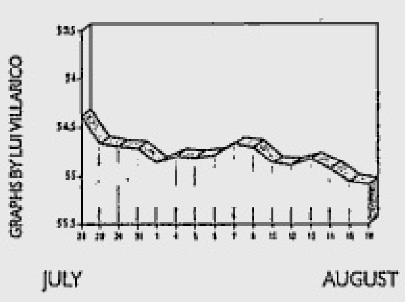

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United Kingdom	Pound	1.418051	1.596300	87.854000
Hongkong	Dollar	0.113904	0.128222	7.056800
Switzerland	Franc	0.647475	0.728863	40.113700
Canada	Dollar	0.641305	0.721917	39.731400
Singapore	Dollar	0.507824	0.571657	31.461700
Australia	Dollar	0.585240	0.658805	36.258000
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.356517	2.652731	145.995700
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.236884	0.266660	14.675900
Brunei	Dollar	0.506376	0.570028	31.372100
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000104	0.000117	0.006400
Thailand	Baht	0.021344	0.024027	1.322300
UAE	Dirham	0.241875	0.272279	14.985100
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.125700	61.954000
Argentina	Peso	0.306852	0.345423	19.010700
Brazil	REAL	0.297102	0.334448	18.406700
Denmark	Kroner	0.134529	0.151439	8.334600
India	Rupee	0.019388	0.021825	1.201200
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.233804	0.263193	14.485100
Mexico	New Peso	0.082891	0.093310	5.135400
New Zealand	Dollar	0.524030	0.589901	32.465800
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Niagara falls as blackout hits Canada

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

"I MET my wife in a Singles Bar."

"Really!"

"Yes, I thought she was at home with the kids."

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AS A columnist, I have certain privileges, and I was able to watch the last episode in the second series of Meteor Garden. I am sorry to disappoint you but the boy does not get the girl. In the final episode, she is killed in a car crash. The four boys go to America and marry each other in the Episcopal Church.

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DON'T think of upgrading your computer. I took mine into a shop and asked for the memory to be increased from 128 RAM to 256 RAM. I am now on the list of RAMboys. My code name is RAMBO.

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A MAN went into a bar with a man only 10 inches tall and a 7-inch piano. The customers looked on with amazement until the man began to play. The music was so beautiful that the audience was spellbound. The barman asked the man how he came by this astonishing person. "I found an old lamp in your garbage can and I rubbed it. A genie appeared and said he would grant me one wish." "Is it still there?" asked the barman. "Yes, I am sure it is." The barman rushed outside and sure enough, there was the lamp. He rubbed it and the genie appeared, saying he would grant one wish. "I want a million bucks," said the barman. There was a blinding flash, and a million ducks surrounded him, all quacking loudly. He ran for the door and managed to enter the bar unhurt. "Your genie is crazy. I asked for a million bucks and he gave me a million ducks." "Yes," said the man, "he is rather deaf and a bit confused. You don't honestly think I asked for a 10-inch pianist."

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DID you hear about the dyslexic man who walked into a bra?

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TWO hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. "I've lost my electron," one says. "Are you sure?" asks the other. "Yes, I'm positive."

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ON Thursday morning, with Wall Street higher and the Phisix up 7 points, I sent an ALERT to my subscribers telling them that the degree of risk was 100 and they should close all their short-term trading positions. A few called me next day saying they had acted on it but most did not read it until I repeated it in greater detail in the afternoon newsletter. That was still okay because the index opened only 2 points lower but it fell steadily throughout the morning and closed 16 points down, its low of the day. Subscribers who acted on it first thing were pleased with the result.

Although the Phisix rose 2 points on Thursday, the degree of risk had already dropped from 100 to 94. By the close on Friday, it has dropped to 80 and it is now 68. How was it possible to make such a call in a rising market? No trend-following indicator can ever do that. The reason is that I use a momentum indicator that does not measure the rise in the index but the rate at which it is rising. So as soon as the Phisix started to lose its momentum, not its direction, the indicator gives a warning to SELL. If the degree of risk is low, say 30 to 40, you might conceivably ignore it, but at your peril. In this case, it was at 100, so the warning sign had to be followed without question.

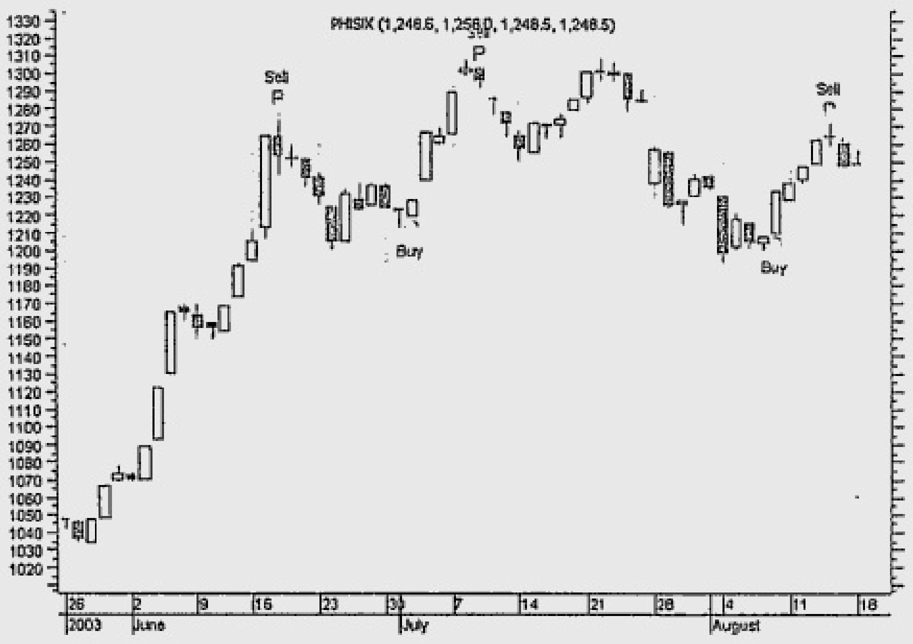
For the last three months, I have hardly done any trading because I am completely wrapped up in my research. I have tested the indicator for the first 6-1/2 months of 2003, and so far, it has worked every time. Whenever it gives a SELL above 80, usually over 90, the market goes down for about a week. When it falls to 20 or thereabouts and turns up, it has always been right to BUY and the market usually rises for a week.

I realize that it has only been tested in detail over a short period, and therefore, I am not making any rash claims for it. But one thing is certain and that is, it greatly improves your success rate in short-term trading. So long as you always protect yourself with a stop-loss, no serious harm can ever come to you. I will continue to work on it until the end of the year. If it continues to perform as well as it is doing at present, I might get something going. I have programmed the computer to insert BUY and SELL arrows and I hope the editor can publish it in color. I cannot put the indicator in as well, as that would consume too much space in my article.

Those of you who understand candlesticks will see that there were five white candles followed by a DOJI, a warning of a probable impending change of direction. Today, we have a gravestone DOJI, which is bearish. When two completely different parameters confirm each other, it gives me more confidence. To learn more about this subject, simply key in "candlestick charts" into your search engine. If you omit charts, you will just get religious icons.

In Wall Street, productivity has risen from 1.9 percent to 5.7 percent, and sale of technical equipment has jumped 10 percent over the same quarter last year. DELL and HEWLETT-PACKARD have given good guidance for the 3rd quarter, and the labor market appears to be stabilizing. The only problem is that the 10-year note is yielding 4.57 percent, which is attractive to retirees and those seeking a decent return, but it might tempt some investors to switch out of equities into bonds.

In the local market, the peso has breached 55 for the second time. The mutiny, the continued talk of another coup, and the suspension of the governor of the central bank have all contributed to the weakness of the peso, which is down 2.7 percent against a weak dollar, and is Asia's worst-performing currency. In the equity market, SMPH produced its usual 10-percent increase, and First Holdings almost doubled its 2nd quarter profits. Most other results have also shown some improvement and foreign brokers are still net buyers. However, turnover is drying up as Wall Street goes into the holiday season. August is usually the blackest period. It certainly was last week. *mrbearbull@hotmail.com*



Megaworld to develop Villamor property

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PREMIER property developer Megaworld Corp. has bagged the right to develop the 245,966-square meter Villamor Gateway Center in Pasay City that was bid out by the state-owned Bases Conversion Development Authority.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Megaworld spokesperson Francis Canuto said the company would invest an initial P1.3 billion for the Villamor Air Base property, which would be transformed into a mixed-use urban complex to be known as Newport City.

"Megaworld submitted the highest offer in the bidding for the development of the Villamor Gateway Center with a proposal that combines an outright purchase and a joint-venture arrangement," Canuto said.

The Megaworld executive said the initial investment of P1.3 billion included a committed cash payment to the BCDA of P415.81 million on top of the state agency's share in the future revenues of the areas to be developed under the joint-venture deal.

He said the initial investment also included P889.33 million that Megaworld would spend for the relocation and clearing of the Villamor Gateway Center in preparation to the full-scale development work for which Megaworld would invest "several billion pesos more."

"The entire complex, with its strategic location near the domestic and international airports, will feature a business and technology park well suited to the requirements of local and foreign investor-locators seeking to relocate their facilities and operations close to the airports," Canuto said.

He said the complex would also incorporate residential and commercial areas in addition to a mixture of institutional and community facilities.

Megaworld, a pioneer in IT zone development, is the company behind the 15-hectare Eastwood City.

INTEREST RATES

April 8, 2003
MART 1 Rates

Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 18-Aug-03	MART1 15-Aug-03
1 Month	5.8714	5.8875
3 Months	5.9375	5.8482
6 Months	6.8268	6.8411
1 Year	8	7.9786
2 Years	9.5214	9.4929
3 Years	10.1071	10.0286
4 Years	10.4232	10.3792
5 Years	10.6804	10.5679
7 Years	11.4304	11.3357
10 Years	11.8571	11.8143
20 Years	12.1339	12.1214
25 Years	12.4661	12.4714

SOURCE: MART/BLOOMBERG

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

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STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	18	18.5	18	18.25	73,100
Bank of the Phil. Islands	46	46	45.5	45.5	429,800
China Banking Corp.	640	640	640	640	1,180
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	34.5	34.5	34	34.5	343,300
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	30.5	31	30.5	30.5	344,700
Philippine National Bank	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	33,800
Phil. Savings Bank	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	5,000
Security Bank Corp.	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	28,300
Union Bank of the Phil.	25.5	27	25.5	26.5	93,900
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	141,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1620	1625	1620	1625	3,650
Pci Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.34	1.4	390,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1180	1190	1180	1190	1,020
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	1,500
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.64	730,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	655	655	650	655	15,390
Island Info And Tech Inc.	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	5,900,000
Ism Communications Corp.	0.05	0.0525	0.05	0.0525	9,000,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.58	2,490,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	520	520	515	520	71,360
Ivantage Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	270,000
Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.014	0.013	0.014	14,000,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	12.5	12.5	12.25	12.25	189,400
Manila Electric Co. B	18.25	18.5	18.25	18.25	1,283,900
Petron Corp.	2	2.02	2	2	317,000
Trans-Asia Oil And Energy	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	20,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	200,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	3	3.1	3	3.05	10,655,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	10,000
Negros Navigation Co.Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	50,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	200,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.85	2.9	2.85	2.9	94,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	31	31.5	31	31.5	68,700
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17.25	17.25	17	17	170,100
San Miguel Corp. A	54	54	53.5	54	21,700
San Miguel Corp. B	63	63	63	63	252,300
Universal Robina Corp.	6	6	6	6	10,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	5.3	8	5.3	8	22,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	10,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	20,000
Ayala Corp.	4.75	4.85	4.75	4.75	8,374,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.165	0.21	0.165	0.21	160,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.6	2.6	2.55	2.6	19,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.036	0.038	0.035	0.037	4,300,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.0085	0.008	0.008	73,000,000
Atn Holdings Inc.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	15,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.62	0.62	0.6	0.61	91,810,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.19	0.195	0.19	0.195	680,000
Dmci Holdings Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	310,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	300,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	17.5	17.75	17.5	17.5	672,400
Global Equities Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	10,000
Ionics Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.3	1.32	604,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.78	1.8	1.78	1.8	147,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.74	0.76	0.74	0.76	3,540,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	2,250,000
Music Corp.	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	1,310,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	240,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	100,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1	1	1	1	100,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	300,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.095	0.1	2,600,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.18	1.18	204,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	16.75	16.75	16.5	16.75	721,100
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.56	800,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.31	0.33	0.31	0.33	20,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	10,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	24	24	23.75	24	212,100
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,600
Philweb Corp. - Warrants	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	2,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	1,225,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	80,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	800,000
EIB Realty Developers Inc.	0.16	0.175	0.16	0.17	510,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	350,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	3,500,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	750,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	4,632,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	310,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	110,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	100,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	1,000,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	200,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	20,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	1,893,750	55,924,005.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	240,985,350	264,475,875.00
PRO	11,847,000	38,757,150.00
Mining	1,520,000	101,700.00
OIL	1,220,000	16,400.00
GRAND TOTALS :		257,466,100
	359,275,130.00	

AVERAGES		
Bank & Fin Svc	451.17	UP 2.54
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,793.04	UP 0.72
PRO	545.88	DOWN 2.64
Mining	1,254.02	DOWN 0.88
OIL	1.45	UP 0.01
SME		100.00
	UNCH 0.00	
All Shares Index	785.12	UP 0.87
Composite	1,248.53	UP 0.48

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HOW TO SELL your BRAND WITHOUT *hiring a* CELEBRITY

By Dickie Soriano

It's a common problem that most businesses face: sales are down or not how you want them to be. If your business is big enough, you turn the problem over to an advertising agency, which will give you the typical advice: spend lots of money on advertising so you can get awareness. Then your problems will magically disappear. Sales will go through the roof. Your inventory will move. Your brand will be famous. And if you spend enough to get a celebrity endorser, you may even end up being on a first-name basis with a famous star.

Great scenario, except for a few things:

- Few companies want to spend lots of money (if they even have it in the first place).
- Awareness doesn't magically translate to sales.
- If after spending all that money your sales don't move, you won't get a refund.
- Honestly, how important is it for your business that you're on a first-name basis with a celebrity?

SO WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?

Having a business of my own and also being currently employed in one of the country's leading advertising agencies, I am in a peculiar position. Fortunately, I also work in a peculiar industry: direct marketing. Also known as database marketing, loyalty marketing, or customer relationship marketing.

TO GIVE YOU A BETTER IDEA ON WHAT IT IS, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT IT'S NOT.

Direct marketing is not going house to house and knocking on doors to sell vacuum cleaners or plastic containers. It's not recruiting people, who will recruit people, who will recruit people, who will then sell P3,000 boxes of tea. It's definitely not putting leaflets in windshield wipers of parked cars.

THEN WHAT IS IT, REALLY?

Direct marketing, simply put, is the art and the science of identifying individual prospects and customers by using data culled from databases, communicating to them using relevant media with the goal of stirring enough reason and emotion to make them part with their money, and then measuring results based on sales and returns on investment.

NOT ALL YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE EQUAL

Most businesses have a philosophy that a customer is always right, and that every customer is a profitable customer. But a hard look at your customer database (if you keep one) will probably tell you something else. In all likelihood 20% of your customers give you 80% of your revenue. Your most profitable customers are also the ones most likely to buy your new products; BMW owners, for example, are typically the first ones who will snap up the newest BMW models in the market.

A database, if designed properly, would allow you to identify similarities among your best customers--thereby helping you target more people like them.

To help Unicef raise badly-needed funds for Filipino children in need, we wanted to find out what kind of people tend to give to charity. Our research showed that in France, Catholic grandmothers were more likely to donate to a direct mail charity appeal than any other segment. That insight helped us identify the likely targets. But in the Philippines, everyone is pretty much Catholic and half the population is below 18. So, instead, Unicef tested various lists, and found out that females are more likely to donate than males, but males tend to donate larger amounts.

The ability to learn (and apply the learning to the next campaign) is one of the benefits I enjoy most in direct marketing. Should there be an argument about which segment to target, which offer to use, or which creative material to send out, the argument can be settled by testing and evaluating the results.

THE SECRET TO GETTING MORE WHILE SPENDING LESS

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If you want to find out more about how to make bigger profits from your marketing efforts, attend the 3rd Philippine Direct Marketing Forum on August 26 and 27, 2003 at Shangri-la Hotel in Makati. A host of direct marketing professionals from all over Asia will be speaking on the latest trends in direct marketing, the tried-and tested strategies, as well as the best practices in the Philippines and the region. For more information, you can call the DM Forum Secretariat at 813-2732 or 813-2703 and ask for Jenny. You may also send an email to dmforum@edsamail.com.ph or visit www.dmforum.net.

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FGHC seeking partners for $100-M project

By Ronnel W. Domingo

FIRST Generation Holdings Corp. yesterday said it was keen on taking in at the most two partners to do the $100-million Batangas-Manila natural gas pipeline project, which was scheduled to start in the second half of 2004.

Richard B. Tantoco, First Gen vice president for business development, declined to give details but said "a lot of entities are knocking on our doors" regarding the project."

"But we decided it would not be a good idea to take in "so many partners," Tantoco said. "We think it is wise to spread ownership of the pipeline, but we want to choose our partners carefully."

He said industry estimates showed that the Batangas-Manila pipeline, which has to be operational by 2006, costs between $70 million and $100 million.

The official added that First Gen was currently focused on updating creditors on the company's activities.

"We are talking to banks who have been with us before, and who may want to do future transactions with us," Tantoco said.

Last year, First Gas Holdings Corp.—a joint venture between First Gen and BG Plc. (formerly British Gas) announced that it was prepared to put together projects amounting to between $800 million and $1 billion for the local downstream natural gas industry.

First Gen officials said the venture would include businesses in gas transmission and distribution, and power generation.

Ginebra sues Tanduay . . .

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of, and were nearly identical and confusingly similar" with its own.

The use of these marks thus "causes confusion to the general public" in that it deceives them into mistakenly thinking that the new Tanduay product is manufactured by GSMI, the complaint said.

Citing the same survey, GSMI said 82 percent of the respondents, when shown the back view of Ginebra Kapitan, mistakenly identified the product as "Ginebra," "Ginebra San Miguel," "San Miguel" or the "Ginebra Blue."

"Even when they were shown the front view of Ginebra Kapitan, 65 percent of the respondents associated it with 'Ginebra', 'Ginebra San Miguel,' 'San Miguel' or 'La Tondena'," GSM said.

T-bill rates . . .

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attempts to bid up interest rates given the benign inflation setting and the budget deficit falling below the target.

Meantime, the peso remained this year's worst-performing currency in the region after it closed weaker at 55.09 to a dollar yesterday from 55.06 last Friday as financial markets waited in vain for positive developments that would reverse investors' pessimism on the Philippines.

The peso was a notch lower from its record closing low of P55.099 last March 12. Volume was only $82.6 million, indicating the continued absence of the central bank.

At yesterday's close, it had depreciated by 2.7 percent since the start of the year.

AsiaTrust denies misleading investor

By Doris C. Dumlao

ASIATRUST Development Bank refuted charges that it had misled a trust account client into investing P20 million in Oriental Motolite Corp., a subsidiary of ailing car battery maker Ramcar.

This was in response to the case filed recently with the Pasig City Regional Trial Court against top Asiatrust officers by client Maria Anna de Ocampo, who likewise alleged that the bank had rolled over her placements without the required written consent on Sept. 21, 2001. She said the move was made even after Ramcar had defaulted on its payments to creditor banks on Sept. 15 of that year, which was followed by its declaration of a debt moratorium.

In a statement on Friday, Eduardo B. Chaves, vice-president of the Trust Banking Group of Asiatrust bank said that the case filed by De Ocampo had "no factual or legal basis to stand on."

He noted that De Ocampo, together with her mother, Isabelita, and her sister, Flor Meliza—owners of a chain of tailoring shops "Exclusively His" and "Quattro Restaurant" in Timog Avenue, Quezon City—had deposited their funds under a trust account opened with the bank in June 2001.

"These funds were to be invested in available investment outlets so that they would earn interest rates higher than ordinary bank deposits. OMC, a subsidiary of Ramcar, was the investment outlet presented to the De Ocampos and approved by them in writing," Chaves said.

"Because the fund placements were invested through a trust agreement, this cannot be treated like ordinary deposits in a bank," he said.

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3	BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	700,000	600,000
4	CANLUBANG GOLF CLUB	450,000	430,000
5	CAMP JOHN HAY	230,000	200,000
6	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF CLUB	180,000	150,000
7	CELEBRITY SPORTS PLAZA	180,000	170,000
8	CLUB FILIPINO	150,000	130,000
9	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY	420,000	350,000
10	EASTRIDGE B		100,000
11	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	300,000	
12	MANILA GOLF CLUB (IND)		10,200,000
13	MANILA POLO CLUB	2,400,000	2,200,000
14	MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF A/B	500,000/600,000	450,000/550,000
15	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB A/B/C	Please call	165,000
16	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	200,000	
17	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB A/B/C	Please call	Please call
18	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	1,600,000	1,300,000
19	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS GOLF	775,000	
20	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS GOLF	720,000	650,000
21	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB	150,000	120,000
22	VALLEY GOLF CLUB	300,000	200,000
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Editor Aries Espinosa

The Residences at Greenbelt offers high life

AYALA Land Inc., the country's most respected developer, announces the next level in the evolution of Greenbelt: The Residences at Greenbelt.

Taking off in the luxurious and exclusive Residences apartments above Greenbelt 2, Laguna Tower, the first of three towers in The Residences at Greenbelt, will take upscale living up into the sky with forty-eight storeys of elegant and expansive living spaces.

Rising on a block of land bounded by Arnaiz Ave. (Pasay Road), Greenbelt Drive, Esperanza Drive and Paseo de Roxas; The Residences at Greenbelt will grace the skyline of the Makati Central Business District and further define Ayala Center and Greenbelt as the ultimate urban address.

Not only a posh address, the ground level of The Residences at Greenbelt will boast of high-end dining and shopping for residents and visitors. It will be linked to the rest of Ayala Center and the rest of MCBD by the clever and efficient walkway system, the smart way of rising above the traffic woes and grime of the street. The clean, well-lit walkways offer a clever and healthy way of getting work, play and shopping, without ever setting foot on the street.

As part of Greenbelt, The Residences at Greenbelt will bear the warm, verdant, hospitable elegance that sets the area apart from other sites. Green gardens, flowing fountains, and chic designs unite the residential development with the rest of Greenbelt. Residents will be able to fully express the lifestyle of the "Greenbelter", enjoying fine dining in Greenbelt 2; shopping and cinema in Greenbelt 3; the future delights of Greenbelt 4; the bargain delights of Greenbelt 1; and of course, café living in Greenbelt 3's patio, where people-watching is the official pastime.

Within The Residences at Greenbelt, Ayala Land will take metropolitan living to new heights. Laguna tower offers two and three-bedroom homes from 118 to more than 220 square meters in area, in single-level flats and two-story units. Its resplendent height will proffer the widest views of the city and the countryside, from the plains of the north to the expanse of Laguna de Bay, and south and west, to the shimmering waters of Manila Bay. From their units, residents will see the scope of Makati's urban skyline, rising from parks like emeralds in stone: Legaspi Park; Urdaneta, San Lorenzo; and, at their feet, their own garden, Greenbelt park itself. From the podium of the building, the gleaming lights of the streets create an ever-changing panorama of activity residents can appreciate from a relaxing poolside chair.

Each unit will offer features and amenities designed for comfortable urban living. Large well-ventilated kitchens, full-size living rooms, dining rooms, even a maid's room, come standard. Many units come with balconies perfect for outdoor entertaining or simply taking in the view.

CAREER YOUTH CAMP LAUNCHED

Career Youth Camp 2003, a youth forum on career options, was recently launched with the presence of three of the most respected advertising gurus in the industry. Being the heads of their respective advertising agencies, the three powerful women shared their insights in career options in the field of advertising. Flanked by Adolf Aran (left), general manager of Courage Asia, and Chico and Delamar of RX 93.1 (right) are, (from left) Yoly Ong, chair and group CEO of Campaigns & Grey; Emily Abrera, chair of McCann-Erickson Philippines and Aby Jimenez of Jimenez & D'Arcy.

Nurturing the lives of the Filipino family for 25 years

THE FILIPINO family has transformed into a well-prepared one, taking charge of the future with the help of pre-need plans. At the forefront of this change is Prudentialife.

The vision of Prudentialife set 25 years ago is a living standard today. Its sincere desire to nurture and serve the Filipino family and secure the good life for them continue. Prudentialife employees, salesforce, planholders and the general public have a strong sense of the "Kapamilya" spirit.

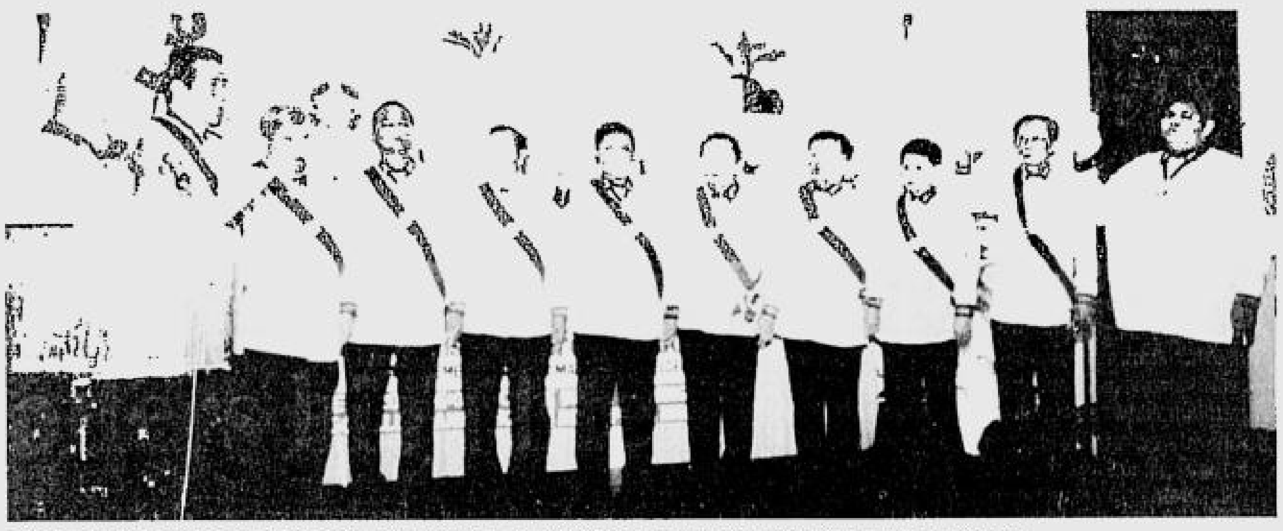
This unique and strong sense of nurture, bond and kinship has made the company an icon of true and dedicated service. As the company celebrated its 25th silver anniversary last May 8, it looks back with pride to its years of service that has made its "Madonna and Child" logo a national symbol.

Albert Alba, president of Prudentialife group said, "2002 was a phenomenal year for Prudentialife. We have thrived in adverse economic conditions of the past year, posting a 45 percent increase in sales because of our expansion strategies and human resource program. With the spectacular performance of our Flexi-Life Plan, we have made Prudentialife the number one life plan company for the year 2002."

Today, Prudentialife is involved not only in the pre-need business but in other businesses as well. Prudentialife has over 17 companies involved in the pre-need, memorial, financial services, information technology, real estate, travel and leisure industries. It has grown into a multi-billion company with total assets of over 25 billion.

In May 2002, the SEC declared that Prudentialife has no Trust Fund deficiency. "Our sound fiscal management spared us from the negative backlash that other pre-need plan companies experienced. Our good name is of prime importance to us, and we uphold it without any compromise," Alba said. A tradition of nurture and service, a strong financial backbone and a growing family of caring employees and sales people characterizes the company. This nurturing family culture sets apart Prudentialife from the rest of the pre-need trade.

After 25 years of service, Prudentialife can only look forward to the next 25 years more. Prudentialife is proud of the values of hardwork and constant prayer that its founder Francisco Alba, now ambassador to the Holy See has advocated. With these same guiding principles, Prudentialife will continue to nurture and serve the Filipino family, securing the good life for them.

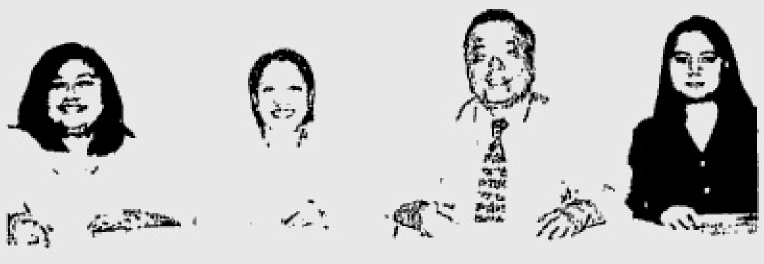


ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL OFFICERS, TRUSTEES OATH TAKING

Supreme council officers and trustees of the Order of the Knights of Rizal for Rizalian Year 2003-2004 took their oath of office before Sir Justice Justo Torres Jr., KGCR, supreme commander emeritus and chair, Council of Elders, June 14 at the Manila Hotel. From left are: Sir Justice Justo Torres Jr., Sir Carmelo Gempesaw, KGCR, supreme commander; Sir Hans Schoof, KGOR, deputy supreme commander; Sir Ruben Madlansacay, KGOR, supreme chancellor; Sir Ponciano Aberin Jr., KGOR, supreme pursuivant; Sir Freddie Mangune, KGOR, supreme exchequer; Sir Jeremias Singson, KGOR, supreme archivist and assistant deputy supreme commander; Sir Jose Emmanuel Carlos, KGOR, supreme trustee and deputy supreme chancellor; Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGOR, supreme trustee and assistant deputy supreme commander; Sir Esmeraldo Plastina, KGOR, supreme trustee and assistant deputy supreme commander and Sir Francis Angelo Suavillo, KCR, supreme auditor and deputy supreme pursuivant.

ZOIDS EVOLUTION II CONTEST

The Zoids Evolution II Contest was held at the Toy Kingdom SM Megamall last June 29 hosted by Bankee Trading, the exclusive distributor of the Original Zoids. In photo are the winners of the Junior Division. From left: RJ Ledesma, event host; Mikael Canta (3rd placer); Luigi Angelo Arguelis (2nd placer); Daniel Enriquez, judge; Marvie Samala, marketing and advertising promo manager of Bankee Trading; Joshua Gerald Umali (1st placer); Brian Dale Garcia, event judge; and Desi Reyes, event judge.



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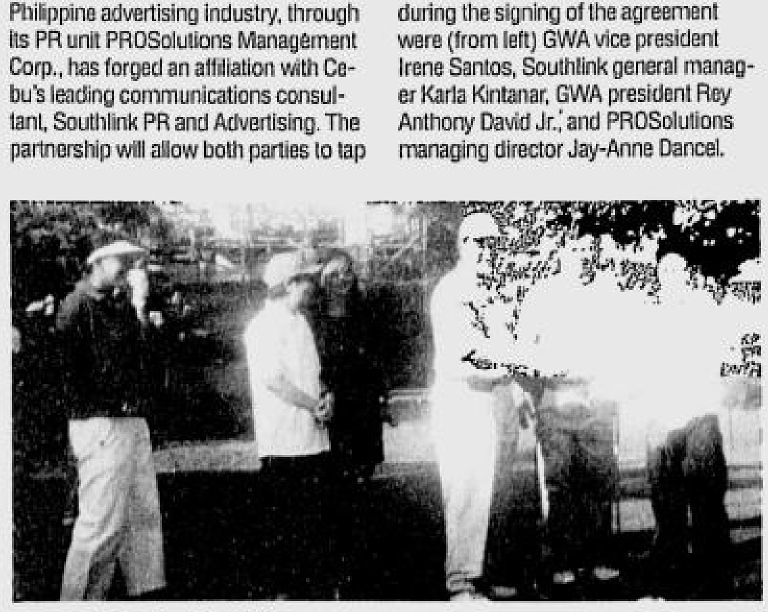
Great Wall Advertising Philippines Inc. (GWA), one of the pioneers of the Philippine advertising industry, through its PR unit PROSolutions Management Corp., has forged an affiliation with Cebu's leading communications consultant, Southlink PR and Advertising. The partnership will allow both parties to tap into the network and capabilities of each other in their respective areas. Present during the signing of the agreement were (from left) GWA vice president Irene Santos, Southlink general manager Karla Kintanar, GWA president Rey Anthony David Jr., and PROSolutions managing director Jay-Anne Dancel.



GOLF FOR A CAUSE

The Pampanga High School Class '65 Foundation Inc. recently held Golf for a Cause at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course. Shown in the photo gracing the occasion are Divine Delasin, BID Commissioner Andrea Domingo, Lisa Valerio, Las Piñas Vice Mayor Louie Bustamante and tournament head Gen. Jose Lalisan Jr. of the PNP, a PHS batch 65 graduate.

Clips

CMP marks 15th year, sets Confab

THE Community Mortgage Program (CMP), novel home financing intervention that has become the model both here and in Asia in assuring the housing security and land tenure of the homeless underprivileged, celebrates its 15th year with the holding of a CMP Symposium-Workshop on Aug. 20 at the Nismed Auditorium, University of the Philippines, Quezon City. Some 300 leaders from non-government organizations involved in informal housing; representatives of seventeen local government units in Metro Manila; as well as officers of selected people's organizations from key regional areas nationwide will participate in the Confab, it was reported by Usec. Amado Bagatsing, HUDCC vice chair and convenor of the symposium-workshop.

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7th DSAP Nat'l Convention

THE Drugstores Association of the Philippines along with its co-presentors will stage the 7th Drugstores Association of the Philippines (DSAP) National Convention to be held at the Bacolod Convention Plaza Hotel, Bacolod City on Aug. 20 to 22 with its theme "Stronger Together, Facing Rough Times, Tough Choices". Co-presentors include Alaxan FR, Astra-Zeneca, Disudrin, Nestle Phils., Pharex Health Corp., and PhCare, while major sponsors are Diethelm Phils., Glaxo SmithKline, Wyeth Consumer Healthcare and Zuellig Pharma. Apply for membership and avail of DSAP privileges. For inquiries, contact the DSAP secretariat at 631-4254 or 0917-621-4159.

Pediatric Scientific Module

THE Department of Pediatrics of the Amang Rodriguez Medical Center, Marikina City will hold its 2nd Scientific Module entitled "Pediatrics in Black and White" at the Edsa Shangri-La, Mandaluyong City on Oct. 24. Dr. Enrique Ostrea, a well-known neonatologist from Children's Medical Hospital of Michigan will be the keynote speaker. Experts in pediatrics will discuss interesting topics which are arranged to be interesting, relevant, practical and applicable for medical and paramedical practice. For early registration and reservations, call Dr. Maria Lourdes Cornel, chief resident at tel. nos. 475-2240; 0917-629-4609.

SLAMC, SCB MOA SIGNING

The Sun Life Prosperity Funds, managed and distributed by Sun Life Asset Management Company Inc. is now available through the Trust and Investment Services Department of Standard Chartered Bank. At the MOA signing were (standing from left): SLAMC strategic development officer Manu Goseco; SCB wealth management - marketing head Owen Maramag; Sun Life of Canada (Philippines) Inc. executive VP Henry Herrera; SCB consumer banking head Ajay Kanwal; SCB wealth management head Leslie Cham; SLAMC sales and marketing director Ignacio Manipula. Seated from left: SLAMC senior distribution channel manager Grace Nobleza; Sun Life of Canada (Phils.) Inc. president and CEO Esther Tan; SCB trust and investment services head Ellen Victor; SCB directional unit head for trust and investment services Angeli Simon; and SLAMC director for finance and operations Mabel Tan.

PLANTERSBANK BAGS AWARD

Plantersbank was recently awarded by the Land Bank of the Philippines the Most Outstanding Partner of the Countryside Lending Fund (CLF) and Agricultural Lending Fund (ALF) under the thrift bank category. Receiving the award is Plantersbank chair and chief executive officer Jesus P. Tambunting (3rd from left) from Land Bank president Gary V. Teves. Witnessing the ceremony are Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas deputy governor Alberto Reyes (far left) and Plantersbank executive vice president and account management group head Anthony Robles. Backed by more than 40 years of SME banking, Plantersbank offers to the Filipino entrepreneur the combined expertise and resources of its foreign partners - the World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC) the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Netherlands Development Finance Corporation (FMO).

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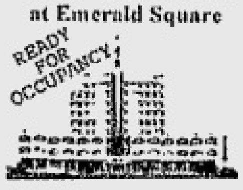

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1 The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the World Bank – International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.

2 The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions-agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the following studies.

Title of Study	*Objectives of the Study*	*Minimum Qualifications*
a. Effects of Early Childhood Interventions on Children's Physiological, Cognitive and Social Development: The Endline Indicator's Study	To determine the effect of ECD interventions on the children's physiological, cognitive and social development. This study will also monitor and assess the progress in ECD indicators in the program areas.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years
b. End of the Project Evaluation on the Indigenous People's Access to and Utilization of ECD Services	To compare and assess the data collected on project implementation focusing particularly on the quantity and quality of service delivery, household characteristics including paternal child rearing behavior, maternal health and health care-seeking practices and other key areas of child development before and after the implementation of ECD Project.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.
c. Conduct of the Evaluation of Training Packages for ECD Service Providers and Trainees	To determine the effectiveness and appropriateness of training activities in enhancing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the project managers and implementers for the efficient and effective implementation of the ECD Project.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.

3 Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 25 August 2003 from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on 5 September 2003.

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Her loving husband Tony; children Joey & Nivard Gomez, Liz & Bobbit Gomez, Vicky & Linglong (†) Vargas, Gigi, Jim-Jam & Jay Caedo & Gino; grandchildren Ida, Koko Gomez, Nikko, Trina & Raia Gomez, Jayvee, Louie, Rianna & Joey Vargas; her brothers and sisters Coty Tantoco, Fr. Tito S.J. (†), Bobby & Helen, Zon & Nonoy Moraleda, Ving & Baby, Noel & Amy, Dorie & Rody Tan-Gatue; sister-in-law & brother-in-law Naty & Diding Imperial; relatives and friends request caring readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul and to remember her in their prayers.

Her remains lie in state at the Capilla de San Francisco, Sanctuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Cremation will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sanctuario de San Antonio.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Foundation for Professional Training, Inc. (FPTI) will be greatly appreciated.

Journalist

PETER MONSOD ALEGRE

(April 23, 1965 – August 17, 2003)

Peacefully joined our Lord at the age of 38.

His beloved parents, **Felix** & **Marita Alegre**; his wife **Jennifer Arciaga**; daughter **Monique**; grandfather **I. Christian Monsod**; uncle **Christian S. Monsod**; aunties: **Cecilia Alegre-Ortiz** and **Martha Alegre-Mogol**; brothers and sisters: **Perry** and **Hanna**, **Gigi** and **Anthony Ty**, **Irene** and **Dodi Diomampo**, **Ricky** and **Cathy**, **Timmy** and **Sheila**, **Jamie** and **Tech**, **Mirella** and **Bobby Batungbacal**; nephews and nieces: **Cole, Kyna, Abbey, Miguel, Celine, CJ, Nina, Elle, Vinci, Phillip, Erica, Cara, Martin, Patrick, Mikee Mateo, Nicee, Ines, Nico, Gabe, Mia** and **Manu**; and other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Funeraria Paz, Manila Memorial Park, Dr. Arcadio Santos Ave., Parañaque City.

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"I solemnly assure you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit." (St. John 12:24)

From Tatay Fermin, Nanay Lourdes, and brothers Karlo Fermin, Emilio Serafin and Amos Mikhail S. Adriano

(Masses will be offered today for the eternal repose of the soul of Sarah Katrina S. Adriano in various churches in the country by relatives & friends.)

Greetings

TO THE MADRE DE AMOR
HOSPICE FOUNDATION, INC.
LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA

On its 9th Foundation Anniversary

From Fermin, Lourdes,
Karlo Fermin, Emilio Serafin
and Amos Mikhail S. Adriano,
and from the relatives, friends, staff
and patients of the Madre de Amor Hospice
Foundation, Inc.

SIMPLICIA NARANJO TAMBAN vda. de CALDERON

of Pulilan, Bulacan and Los Baños, Laguna

was born to eternal life on August 16, 2003 at age 89.

Her loving family: husband Atty. Leopoldo R. Calderon (†); children Pol (†) and Baby, Olga and Manny Banzon, Guia and Freddie Martinez, Sonnyboy and Donna, Ewet and Vicki, Eric and Liz, A and Nita, B and Lea; grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Poblacion, Pulilan, Bulacan. The Requiem Mass will be said on August 23, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. at the San Isidro Labrador Parish Church. Interment will shortly follow.

OUR DEARLY BELOVED PAPA

2nd Lt. Felimon B. Burgyag (Ret), PAF

of Villamor Air Base, Pasay City and Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija

Died in the Grace of our Lord on 18 August 2003 at the age of 74.

His loving wife, Encarnacion Santiago; children Atty. Cecille, Cherry, Boyet and Lani, Connie and Alex, Che-che and Hector, Cielo and Sam, Bong and Karen, grandchildren PJ, Janna, Jency, Chino, Cholo, Chester, Henrich, Clara, Claudine, James, Bea and Migui request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Our Lady of All Nations Church, Villamor Air Base, Pasay City

Interment will be at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City on a date to be announced later

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"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let Light Shine on him. May he rest in Peace"

DR. JOSE LUIS TORDESILLAS OCCEÑA

Formerly of Cagayan de Oro City

Husband of the late Corazon Gallardo, son of Luis Occeña and Manuela Tordesillas of San Remigio, Antique, died August 9, 2003 in Columbia, Missouri, USA. He is survived by his children Eleanor, Lillian, Luis and their families.

DEATH NOTICES

ROSARIO P. RAMOS
Her body lies in state at Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. Interment will be on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

TRINIDAD PAGLINAWAN CESAR
Peacefully joined our Creator on August 15, 2003. Her body lies in state at No. 352 Blas Santos Velez St., Apovel Subd., Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City. Interment will be on August 22, 2003 at the Bulua Parish Cemetery.

MANUEL "DODONG" MARTINEZ
Peacefully joined our Creator on August 15, 2003. His remains lie in state at the Cosmopolitan Memorial Chapels.

ISRAEL DE CASTRO BOCOBO
Peacefully joined his Maker on August 17, 2003. His remains lie in state at Capilla del Señor, Sanctuario de San Antonio, Brgy. Forbes Park, Makati City. Final rites will be held on Friday, August 22, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

MACRINA LAZATIN MORENO
Peacefully joined the Lord on August 16, 2003. Her body lies in state at Faith Chapel, Don Bosco, Makati City. Cremation will follow after the 2:00 p.m. Mass on August 19, 2003 at Eternal Gardens. Mass will be held at Carmelite at 9:00 a.m., August 21, 2003. Interment will follow at La Pieta Memorial Park, Angeles City.

In Loving Memory on the First Death Anniversary of

DR. JUSTINA R. LAYAG-GEMINIANO

who passed away on August 19, 2002
at Daly City, California, USA

Her bereaved husband **Remigio**; children **Mel** and **Tess**, **Josephine** and **Benny**, **Mildred**, **Alfred** and **Raquel**, **Mary** and **Preddie**, **Bernadette** and **Don** and grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

"The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall be afraid." **Psalms 27:1**

THE AUGUSTINIAN SISTERS
OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

Beg you to recommend to God in your prayers and sacrifices the soul of our dear

SISTER ISABEL DE LOS STOS. REYES, OSA

who passed away on August 18, 2003
at the age of 87.

May she rest in peace!

Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at 8:00 AM at the La Consolacion Convent Chapel, 273 Santolan Road, San Juan, Metro Manila.

Interment will follow at the La Loma Cemetery immediately after the Mass.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **Matthew 10:39**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 9
TACLOBAN CITY

Land Reg. Case No. N-326 LRA Record No. N-75356

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

To the Hon. General: Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; the Director, Land Management Bureau, Escolta, Manila; the Regional Executive Director, Region VIII, DENR, Tacloban City; the Hon. Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila; the Hon. Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform, PTA Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman; the Director, Forest Management Bureau, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, both in Quezon City, Metro Manila; the Provincial Governor, the Provincial Prosecutor, the General Services Officer, the Provincial Engineer, Tacloban City; the Public Works and Highways District Engineer, DPWH, 1st Leyte Engineering District, Pawing, Palo, Leyte; the CENR Officer, CENRO Land Management Sector, Tacloban City; the Municipal Mayor, the Municipal Council, Sta. Fe, Leyte; Leyte Sab-a Basin Development Authority, Brgy. San Isidro, Sta. Fe, Leyte AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

An application having been filed in the above entitled case by PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE, represented by its Governor, Hon. Remedios L. Petilla, Governor, Capitol Bldg., Gen. Enage St., Tacloban City thru Atty. Imelda G. Nones, Acting Provincial Legal Officer, Capitol Bldg., Tacloban City, praying for the registration and confirmation of the title to the following described lands:

1. A parcel of land designated as PR-08-000001 situated at Barangay San Isidro, Municipality of Sta. Fe, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte. Bounded on the W., along lines 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-1 by (Existing Road) Alienable or Disposable Block 1, Project 55 (per LC Map no. 608), on the NE., and SE., along lines 22-23-24-25-26-27-28 by Timber Land Block 4, Project No. 38 (LC Map no. 608), and on the S., along line 28-29 by Alienable or Disposable Project 55 (per LC Map 608). Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 07 deg. 22'E., 406.22 m. from MBM No. 11, Cad-220, Tacloban Cadastre

thence N 20 deg 08'W., 6.51 m to point 2;
thence N 31 deg 55'W., 16.84 m to point 3;
thence N 05 deg 30'W., 11.80 m to point 4;
thence N 16 deg 34'W., 14.80 m to point 5;
thence N 26 deg 50'W., 11.97 m to point 6;
thence N 38 deg 30'W., 34.60 m to point 7;
thence N 46 deg 52'W., 37.52 m to point 8;
thence N 24 deg 07'W., 22.30 m to point 9;
thence N 06 deg 36'W., 4.70 m to point 10;
thence N 20 deg 41'W., 18.49 m to point 11;
thence N 08 deg 23'E., 13.93 m to point 12;
thence N 36 deg 05'W., 13.72 m to point 13;
thence N 15 deg 33'E., 13.73 m to point 14;
thence N 10 deg 46'E., 10.23 m to point 15;
thence N 03 deg 33'E., 14.73 m to point 16;
thence N 42 deg 41'E., 5.64 m to point 17;
thence N 16 deg 02'W., 13.39 m to point 18;
thence N 24 deg 15'W., 25.13 m to point 19;
thence N 08 deg 29'E., 59.73 m to point 20;
thence N 08 deg 57'E., 84.49 m to point 21;
thence N 62 deg 34'E., 6.20 m to point 22;
thence S 31 deg 38'E., 200.40 m to point 23;
thence S 43 deg 52'W., 109.02 m to point 24;
thence S 35 deg 28'E., 113.01 m to point 25;
thence S 16 deg 26'W., 242.28 m to point 26;
thence S 13 deg 53'W., 108.28 m to point 27;
thence S 09 deg 59'E., 62.01 m to point 28;
thence S 82 deg 08'W., 154.29 m to point 29;
thence N 40 deg 13'E., 26.25 m to point 30;
thence N 68 deg 49'E., 47.36 m to point 31;
thence N 38 deg 45'E., 40.21 m to point 32;
thence N 56 deg 12'E., 24.95 m to point 33;
thence N 14 deg 43'E., 28.50 m to point 34;
thence N 15 deg 42'W., 11.08 m to point 35;
thence N 14 deg 55'E., 36.49 m to point 36;
thence N 02 deg 59'E., 11.33 m to point 37;
thence N 03 deg 21'E., 22.28 m to point 38;
thence N 08 deg 13'E., 8.81 m to point 39;
thence N 23 deg 23'E., 12.07 m to point 40;
thence N 37 deg 18'E., 9.70 m to point 41;
thence S 67 deg 07'E., 166.44 m to point 42;
thence N 36 deg 06'E., 18.48 m to point 43;
thence N 19 deg 12'E., 8.91 m to point 44;
thence N 07 deg 58'E., 225.64 m to point 45;
thence N 23 deg 49'E., 41.50 m to point 46;
thence N 06 deg 10'W., 9.65 m to point of beginning;

containing an area of THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO (38,522) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on plan and marked on the ground as follows: corners 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 are PR 20 x 20 cm. corner 22 is MBM No. 11 and the rest are P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15 x 40 cm. bearings grid, date of survey March to April 2000 executed by Geodetic Engineer Cruz M. Abarca, approved by the Asst. Regional Executive Director for Operations, DENR, Region VIII, Tacloban City on August 12, 2002.

2. A parcel of land designated as PR-08-000002 situated at Barangay San Isidro, Municipality of Sta. Fe, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Alienable or Disposable Project No. 55 Block 1, LC Map No. 608; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Existing Road; along lines 3-4-5-6 by Lot 2, Swo-08-000027 (LSBDA); on the NW. & NE., along lines 6-7-8-9-10 by Alienable or Disposable Block 1, Project No. 35 (per LC Map no. 608) and on the E., along lines 10-11-12-13-1 by Lot 2, Alienable or Disposable Blk 1, Project 36 (LC Map no. 608). Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 46 deg. 05'W., 184.17 m. from MBM No. 11, Cad 220, Tacloban Cadastre

thence S 62 deg 27'W., 207.53 m to point 2;
thence N 67 deg 16'W., 48.40 m to point 3;
thence N 20 deg 40'W., 171.05 m to point 4;
thence N 49 deg 07'W., 235.22 m to point 5;
thence S 72 deg 10'W., 200.60 m to point 6;
thence N 50 deg 25'E., 226.81 m to point 7;
thence S 60 deg 30'E., 135.70 m to point 8;
thence S 71 deg 37'E., 246.71 m to point 9;
thence S 80 deg 32'E., 173.53 m to point 10;
thence S 08 deg 55'W., 84.06 m to point 11;
thence S 07 deg 06'W., 58.02 m to point 12;
thence S 09 deg 47'E., 24.40 m to point 13;
thence S 17 deg 13'E., 13.45 m to point of beginning;

containing an area of ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVEN (106,607) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on plan and marked on the ground as follows: corners 4, 5 are Old points and the rest are P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15 x 40 cm. bearings grid, date of survey March to April 2000 executed by Geodetic Engineer Cruz M. Abarca, approved by the Asst. Regional Executive Director for Operations, DENR, Region VIII, Tacloban City on August 12, 2002.

3. A parcel of land designated as PR-08-000003 situated at Barangay San Isidro, Municipality of Sta. Fe, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Alienable or Disposable Project No. 55 Block 1; on the NE., and SE., along lines 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13 by (Existing Road) Timber Land Block 4, Project 36 (LC Map No. 608); on the SW., along lines 13-14-15-16 by Alienable or Disposable Project No. 55 Block 1, and on the NW., along lines 16-17-1 by Lot 2, Swo-08-000027, Leyte Sab-A-Basin Development Authority. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 12 deg. 21'W., 814.46 m. from MBM No. 11, Cad-220, Tacloban Cadastre

thence N 85 deg 13'E., 76.10 m to point 2;
thence S 38 deg 46'E., 65.67 m to point 3;
thence S 22 deg 19'E., 10.67 m to point 4;
thence S 14 deg 46'W., 14.44 m to point 5;
thence S 15 deg 46'E., 11.70 m to point 6;
thence S 14 deg 42'W., 20.74 m to point 7;
thence S 59 deg 02'W., 8.82 m to point 8;
thence S 54 deg 24'W., 15.60 m to point 9;
thence S 42 deg 00'W., 32.24 m to point 10;
thence S 28 deg 10'W., 7.26 m to point 11;
thence S 68 deg 49'W., 46.10 m to point 12;
thence S 40 deg 13'W., 29.30 m to point 13;
thence N 43 deg 03'W., 52.65 m to point 14;
thence N 14 deg 43'W., 7.75 m to point 15;
thence N 33 deg 32'W., 14.52 m to point 16;
thence N 73 deg 45'E., 91.06 m to point 17;
thence N 18 deg 26'W., 63.30 m to point of beginning;

containing an area of TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ONE (10,901) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on plan and marked on the ground as follows: All corners are P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15 x 40 cm. bearings grid, date of survey March-April 2000 executed by Geodetic Engineer Cruz M. Abarca, approved by the Asst. Regional Executive Director for Operation, DENR, Region VIII, Tacloban City on August 12, 2002.

You are hereby served this notice to appear before this Court at its session to be held at RTC Branch 9, Tacloban City, Philippines on the 19th day of September, 2003 at 8:30 A.M., then and there to present such claims as you may have to said lands or any portion thereof and to submit evidence in support of such claims and unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid, your default will be recorded and the title to the lands will be adjudicated and determined in accordance with law and the evidence before the Court and thereafter you will forever be barred from contesting said application (or petition) or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, the HON. ROGELIO C. SESCON, Judge of said Court, the 14th day of February, 2003.

Issued at Quezon City, Philippines, this 12th day of June, 2003.

ATTEST

(Sgd.) BENEDICTO B. ULEP
Administrator
Land Registration Authority

A True Copy

By

(Sgd.) ADELAIDA I. CARAIG
Chief, Publication of Notices Section

(Sgd.) ALEXANDER N. V. ACOSTA
Acting Chief, Docket Division

(PDI–Aug. 19, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan Agreement No. ADB-ADF 1607 PHI (SF)

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions/agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the following studies.

Title of Study	*Objectives of the Study*	*Minimum Qualifications*
a. Household Demand Study to Assess Potential for Partial Recovery of Cost of Food Supplements and Child Development Workers (CDWs) Honoraria (HH Demand Studies)	To determine the demand of households of fortified foodstuffs and to determine the capacity of the local government units in the Project Areas to support the micronutrient deficiency control and to sustain the honoraria of the Child Development Workers (CDWs).	The consultancy firm must have 3 to 5 years track record in research with expertise in economics and cost-benefit analysis. The firm must have also handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development.
b. Methods of Early Identification and Intervention of Children with Special Needs.	To evaluate methods for early identification and intervention of Children with Special Needs in the target Regions.	The consultancy firm must have 3-5 years track record in research preferably with experience in special education and persons with disabilities.

3. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 25 August 2003 from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on 12 September 2003.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–Aug. 19 & 24, 2003)

MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC.
G/F MWSI Bldg., MWSS Complex
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines 1100
Tel. Nos. 435-33-66; 920-5521 loc. 3600, 3615, 3616

INVITATION TO BID

The Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (MWSI) is inviting all interested suppliers to participate in the bidding for the following requirements:

1) **Lotus Notes Upgrade License**
2) **On-site System (GIS) Hardware + Software**
3) **Supply & Installation of Wide Area Network (WAN)**
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7) **1 unit 256 MB RAM for Toshiba Tecra 8200 Laptop**

The complete documents can be secured at the MWSI-Purchasing Department, MWSS Bldg., Basement, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos Only (P2,000.00), either in the form of Cash or Manager's/Cashier's Check payable to MWSI.

The winning bidder will post a Performance Bond in favor of MWSI equivalent to 20% of the total contract amount.

Bid proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope at the MWSI-Purchasing Department, on or before August 26, 2003 (Tuesday); 10:00 AM. Late bids will not be entertianed.

The MWSI reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any and all informalities therein and accept the bid it deams most advantageous to the company.

(Sgd.) IGNACIO B. GIMENEZ
SAVP, Corporate Logistics

(PDI–August 19, 2003)

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Expression of Interest

RFP No. ECDP-WB/03-DSWD-005

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the World Bank – International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB-IBRD) towards the cost of the Early Childhood Development Project (Loan No. 4301 PH). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan will be applied to eligible payments under this contract.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites firms as Resource Person for the upcoming Technical and Creative Writing Workshop. Firms must have extensive track record in capability building activities particularly on Technical and Creative Writing.

3. Interested proponents may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 20 August 2003 from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents and documentation of similar workshops conducted on 28 August 2003 at 5:00 p.m

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary and
DSWD BAC Chairperson

(PDI–Aug. 19, 2003)

ZAMBOANGA CITY WATER DISTRICT
Pilar St., Zamboanga City
Telephone No. 991-1556, 991-1557

INVITATION TO BID

The ZAMBOANGA CITY WATER DISTRICT (ZCWD) is inviting interested Suppliers of Water Supply Pipes & Fittings to submit bids for the following:

PR/JO No.	DESCRIPTION
6837	PVC Pipes & Bends, C.I. Body Gate Valve, Adaptor, Steel Flanges, Sleeve Type Flexible Coupling, G.I Coupling, G.I. Pipes, Air Release Assembly & Pressure Releaved Assembly Flange Type; for Stock use at the Property Section.

Interested SUPPLIERS may obtain *Bid Forms and Detailed Specifications* at the BAC Secretariat, 2/F, ZCWD Bldg., Pilar St., Zamboanga City after payment of a minimal non-refundable fee of P500.00

Submission of Bids : August 26, 2003
2:00 P.M. at the 2/F ZCWD Main Bldg.,
Pilar St., Zamboanga City

The ZCWD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor informalities in the bids received, and to award the contract to the supplier whose bid, as evaluated by the BAC I, is the most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) ARNULFO A. ALFONSO
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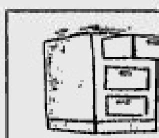

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By Christine A. Gaylican

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Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. blamed the El Niño phenomenon and typhoons Harurot and Egay—which damaged key agricultural production areas in the country—for the slower farm output growth in the first six months of the year.

El Niño, which means "boy child" in Spanish, is the abnormal warming of waters in the eastern Pacific that occurs every four to five years. It distorts wind and rainfall patterns around the world, often causing deadly flooding or drought.

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Lorenzo, however, said the department remained optimistic that the 2003 growth target of 4 percent was still realistic, adding that the standing rice crop in many parts of the country "looks very good." Agricultural output accounts for a fifth of the country's gross domestic product. The country is a major producer of coconut oil and tropical fruits such as mangoes and bananas.

"By all indication, a 2.4-percent growth is still remarkable since it was achieved despite an unfavorable climate," said Lorenzo.

He said the farm sector needed to post a 5.6 percent growth to attain the full-year growth target.

A report of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics showed that *palay* or unmilled rice production in the first semester fell 5.13 percent to 5.38 million metric tons from 5.672 million MT in the same period last year. This was due to a decline in harvests in major rice production regions of Central Luzon, Cagayan Valley, Western Visayas and Bicol.

Production gains were recorded by the sugarcane, mango, banana, coconut, pineapple and abaca sub-sectors.

The BAS also reported that the livestock sector grew by 3.34 percent, triggered by higher production of hogs, dairy cattle and carabao. The poultry sector , likewise, registered a 4.86-percent growth in the same period.

The fisheries sector, comprising 23.43 percent of the total farm output, rose by 2.91 percent with municipal fishery posting the highest growth rate of 5.51 percent and commercial fishery, 2.47 percent.

Because of the damage inflicted by the recent typhoons on corn farms, the country will be importing 150,000 of corn in the next two weeks to prevent a supply shortfall.

The DA estimated corn production to hit 4.478 million tons this year, about 10 percent lower than the target output of five million tqns. *With a report from Reuters*

Gov't won't reveal stance in WTO talks–DTI

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT said it could not reveal the positions that it would present in the 5th Ministerial World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in September, saying "it would be detrimental to the country's chances of getting favorable trade deals."

The Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR), an attached agency of the Department of Trade and Industry, stressed that revealing the country's negotiating positions to the public and to the media would compromise the country's stance.

An official from the BITR said that the complaining sectors should understand that revealing the country's negotiating positions might hold the country's multilateral trade representatives hostage to other countries' negotiating tactics.

The statement was made in reaction to the clamor of certain sectors for the government to disclose what the country would present at the WTO negotiating table in Cancun, Mexico next month.

Ibon Foundation has denounced the government's "silence," saying it was every Filipino's right to know what the country's trade negotiators would raise in the coming multilateral trade talks.

Ibon research director Antonio Tujan was quoted as saying that the government was to blame for the "crisis" being experienced by some local industries due to the tariff reductions the government made without proper consultation with stakeholders.

BPI, Yuchengco family OK merger of insurance businesses

By Elena R. Torrijos

UNIVERSAL Reinsurance Corp. of Ayala-controlled Bank of the Philippine Islands and the Yuchengco family's Malayan Reinsurance Corp. yesterday signed an agreement to merge and form Universal Malayan Reinsurance Corp.

In a statement, BPI said the merger would allow product diversification and higher reinsurance capability for the new company.

"UMRC, with the combined resources of the two companies, represents the emergence of a strong local reinsurance industry well positioned to compete in the whole Southeast Asia and win favorable treaty agreements and retention levels," BPI said.

Higher retention levels, in turn, would benefit the economy because it would enable the reduction of foreign reserves outflow.

BPI noted that foreign insurers set stringent terms and conditions for local insurance writing companies.

In an interview yesterday, BPI president and chief executive Xavier Loinaz said that "a modus vivendi is being crafted" on the management of UMRC, which, more or less, would be equally owned by the two groups.

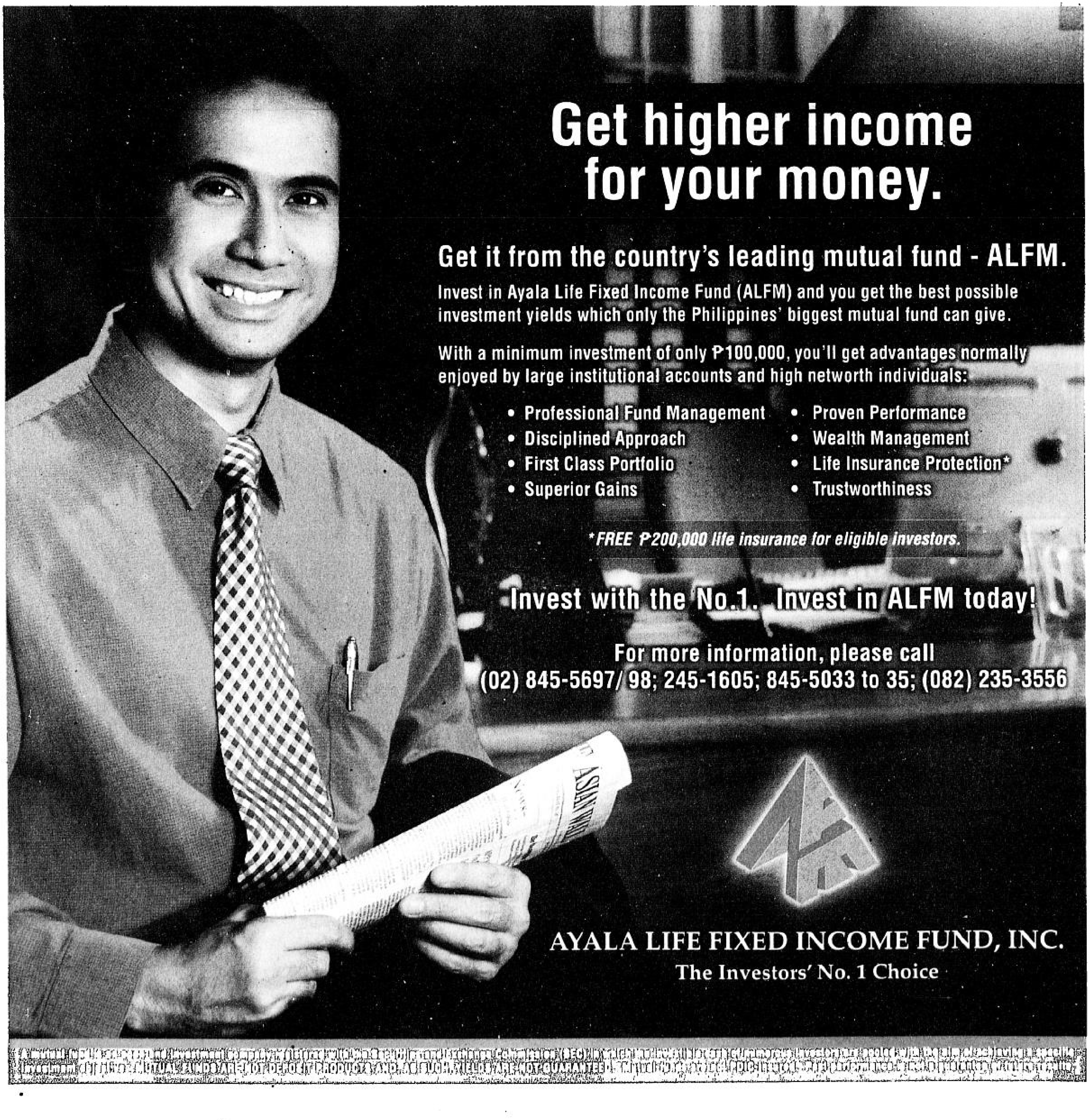
The merger of URC and MRC is subject to the approval of the Insurance Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies.

Loinaz said the closing of the transaction might still be a month away as due diligence has yet to be conducted by the parties.

MRC is the oldest surviving reinsurance company in the Philippines. It is part of the Malayan Group of Insurance Companies of the Yuchengco family. Its affiliates include Malayan Insurance Co. Inc., Tokyo Marine Malayan Insurance Co., First Nationwide Assurance Corp. and Malayan Zurich Insurance Co. Inc.

Formed in 1971, URC was part of Ayala Insurance Holdings Corp. It became a subsidiary of BPI in 1999 when the latter merged with Ayala Insurance Holdings Corp.

Among the local reinsurance companies, URC has the most comprehensive product lines covering life and non-life insurance requirements.



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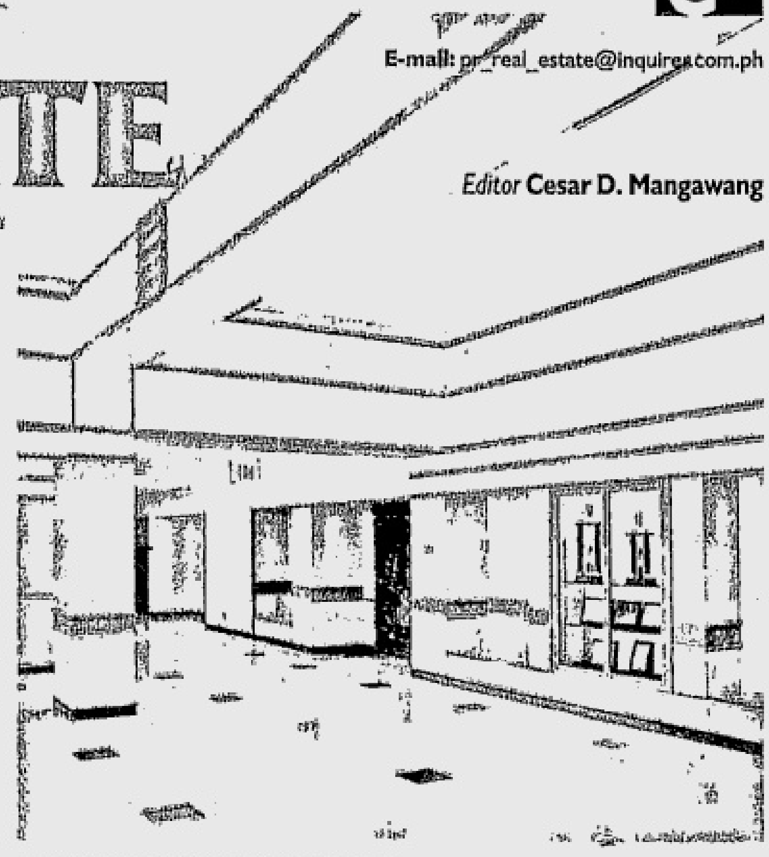

A COLOR standard for the interior

Wood laminates thrive

Even when construction sector is down

By Tessa R. Salazar

EVEN when the construction industry was down during the 1997 Asian financial crisis, the wood laminates industry thrived. The reason: instead of creating new buildings, occupants renovated their old places, and they needed lots of wood laminates.

From this period onward, wood laminates became the preferred substitute for paints and wallpaper—a far cry from a decade earlier when every builder preferred paint and not much else.

Home accessory

Multi-Rich Home Decors Inc. president Joseph L. Ang stressed that wood laminates as a home accessory stood the test of time.

About 90 percent of builders now use laminates instead of paints in some Asian countries, said Ang. Rental spaces for offices in expensive spots in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam use wood laminates, he added. "Once tenants move to a small shop, office or mall, they have to renovate immediately. They only apply paint on the ceiling."

Wood laminates are even easier to transfer from the old office to another without breaking them, said Ang.

Thickest in industry

Ang's company distributes Wilsonart wood laminates in the Philippines. Its wood lami-

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Spunky showroom to add silver lining to Westgate

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THE IMPOSING façade

By Tessa R. Salazar

MODERN structures are transforming a posh area of Alabang, Muntinlupa, into a fast-rising satellite city in Metro Manila.

While lifestyle and service centers are mushrooming in this changing mini metropolis, greeneries serve as breathing space.

Set to add glamour to Westgate's aristocratic image is a 2,000-square-meter auto showroom and service center—touted by its creators as a trendy display center.

Totally redesigned concept

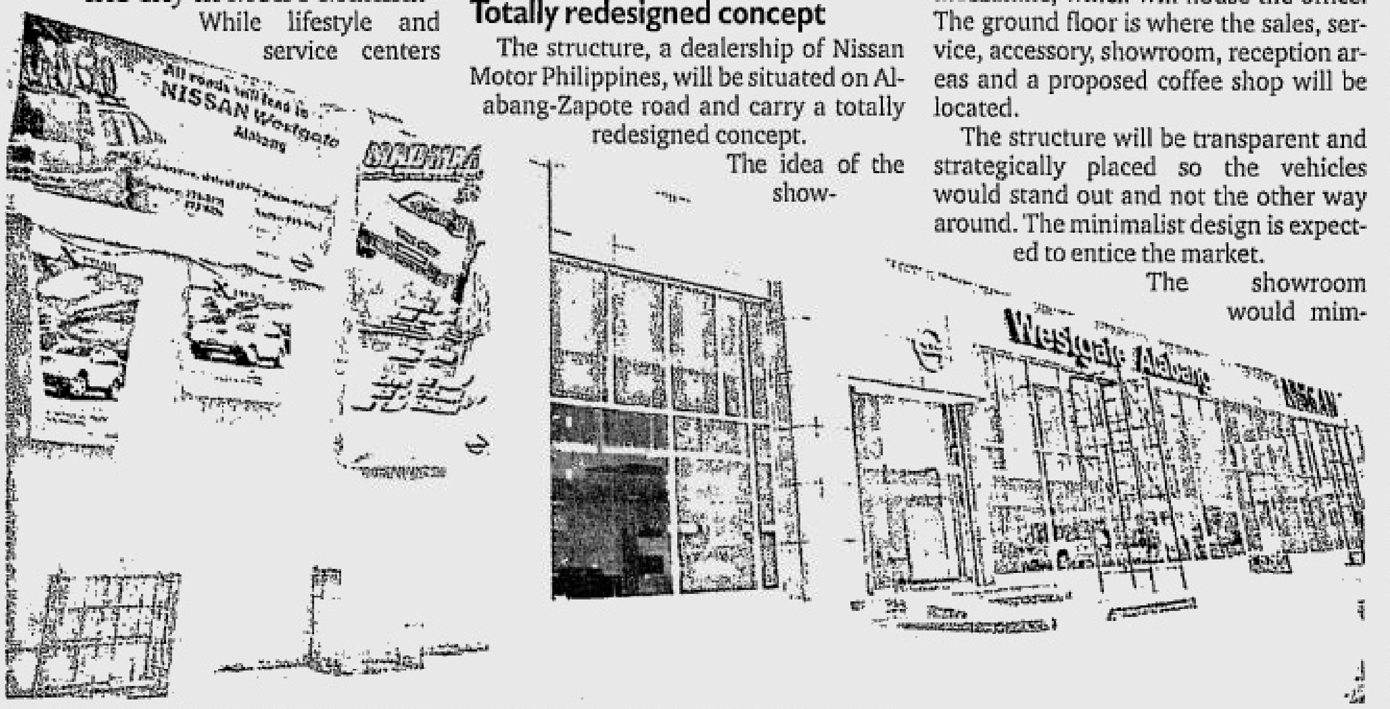
The structure, a dealership of Nissan Motor Philippines, will be situated on Alabang-Zapote road and carry a totally redesigned concept.

The idea of the showroom's reimaging originated from a group of Japanese architects. The showroom is scheduled to be unveiled in a few weeks.

The whole façade will be dominated by glass and comprise a high ceiling (around six meters) with a drop ceiling near the customer lounge. It will have a mezzanine, which will house the office. The ground floor is where the sales, service, accessory, showroom, reception areas and a proposed coffee shop will be located.

The structure will be transparent and strategically placed so the vehicles would stand out and not the other way around. The minimalist design is expected to entice the market.

The showroom would mimic Nissan's luxury vehicles' comfort, which means the presence of creature comforts such as lounges, sofas, information and multimedia walls (modular walls) and upgraded services.



THE NISSAN showroom marks its presence at the rising auto capital of the south.

Next auto capital

The Alabang-Zapote stretch, particularly in the Westgate vicinity, is being packaged to become the next modern auto capital in Metro Manila. If plans push through, several automotive car showroom structures are scheduled to move in the area.

The auto display areas will be complementing the smaller versions of auto service centers of the vicinity known as "auto precincts."

Instead of cramping as many cars as they can inside the showroom, Nissan Westgate would offer more breathing space, a homey touch of the interior and strokes of wood color.

The person making sure that the showroom's design criteria would be met is Nissan Westgate local consultant-architect Gilbert Lui.

Trendsetter

Says Lui: "Nissan Westgate could act as a trendsetter in this area. It's a bold move by Nissan to revamp its overall image."

THE SPACIOUS interior of the Nissan showroom

He explains that with the new standards set by the Nissan auto showrooms, each car would be positioned strategically so onlookers would better appreciate the view. "One can walk around the cars with all the doors open. There's enough breathing space," he says.

Building materials to be used include aluminum composites. The entry elements like the fascia and the canopy are made of silver and aluminum panels, with accents of red.

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Modern construction technology suitable for less costly housing

IN TODAY'S increasingly resource-conscious era, nonconventional construction technology is truly an idea whose time has come. Modern construction systems and design standards that create superior quality buildings and residences that meet the highest levels of comfort and safety are on the go.

Once only used in the local setting mainly for industrial and commercial construction, steel framing is now also gaining ground for residential building.

When correctly used, construction alternatives like steel frames and other building systems match or even surpass the strength and durability of other construction materials. In the long run, they turn out to be cost-efficient since they prevent excessive expenditures normally incurred for home maintenance or improvement.

For construction purposes, steel offers many benefits. Unlike traditional building materials like wood which necessitates the cutting of trees, steel offers a "green" advantage. Apart from being environment-friendly, another advantage of steel is its highest strength-to-weight ratio among building materials.

Steel is also 100 percent recyclable; noncombustible (does not burn nor contribute to the spread of fire); inorganic (will not warp, split, crack or creep); dimensionally stable (does not expand nor contract with moisture content); and with consistent material quality (produced in strict accordance with building standards).

Some of steel's benefits accruing to the builder are its being lighter than other framing materials; easy material selection; savings in jobsite time; less scrap and waste (about 2 percent only for steel vis-à-vis 20 percent for lumber); price stability; and the environmental advantage. Homeowners who have turned to steel framing recognize the benefits of less maintenance and slower aging of structure; fire safety; nonvulnerability to termites or any type of organism, including mold; and less probability of foundation problems and the likelihood of lesser damage in an earthquake.

Residential and industrial construction technologies used for building projects all over the world—ranging from composite pipes and plumbing systems, flooring and tiles to roofing systems, panel systems and steel framing systems—have found their respective niches in the Philippine marketplace today. Many of them are bracing to tap emerging opportunities and aiming to create greater consumer preferences, and they will be seen at DesignBuild 2003, an upcoming gathering of the leading thinkers, implementors, distributors and users of contemporary home and building design as well as reputable industry practitioners in the construction and allied industries in the country.

An alliance is born

Bruited about as the better building component over conventional systems like wood, steel has long been acknowledged as a superior construction material. Across the world, steel framing has come to the forefront as one of the best and most feasible alternative building materials for residential construction.

In the country, the Steel Framing Alliance of the Philippines hopes to instill greater public awareness on the advantages of using light gauge steel framing, particularly for residential construction. Steel framing has passed the infancy stage, the founding members of the Philippine organization noted. For many years, commercial establishments, hospitals and schools have relied on steel for its strength, durability and safety. Malls and high-rise buildings as well as houses in Manila's plush villages use steel for ceilings and walls, but the residential sector, particularly in the provinces, has still not been penetrated.

The SFAP was formed last year by five member-companies which banded together and pooled their resources to promote the greater use, particularly among residential builders, of light gauge steel frames as a suitable and cost-efficient alternative to traditional framing materials. As an active participant in major construction events like the 12th Philconstruct, Worldbex and the national convention of the United Architects of the Philippines, the SFAP will be setting up a structure that will showcase the various stages and applications of steel frames at DesignBuild 2003, slated on Sept. 24-27 at the PICC Forum. Other activities of the SFAP are the preparation of guidelines for its growing membership base, training sessions with builders, technology tie-ups with the academic sector and government agencies handling technical vocational training, notably the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) and more.

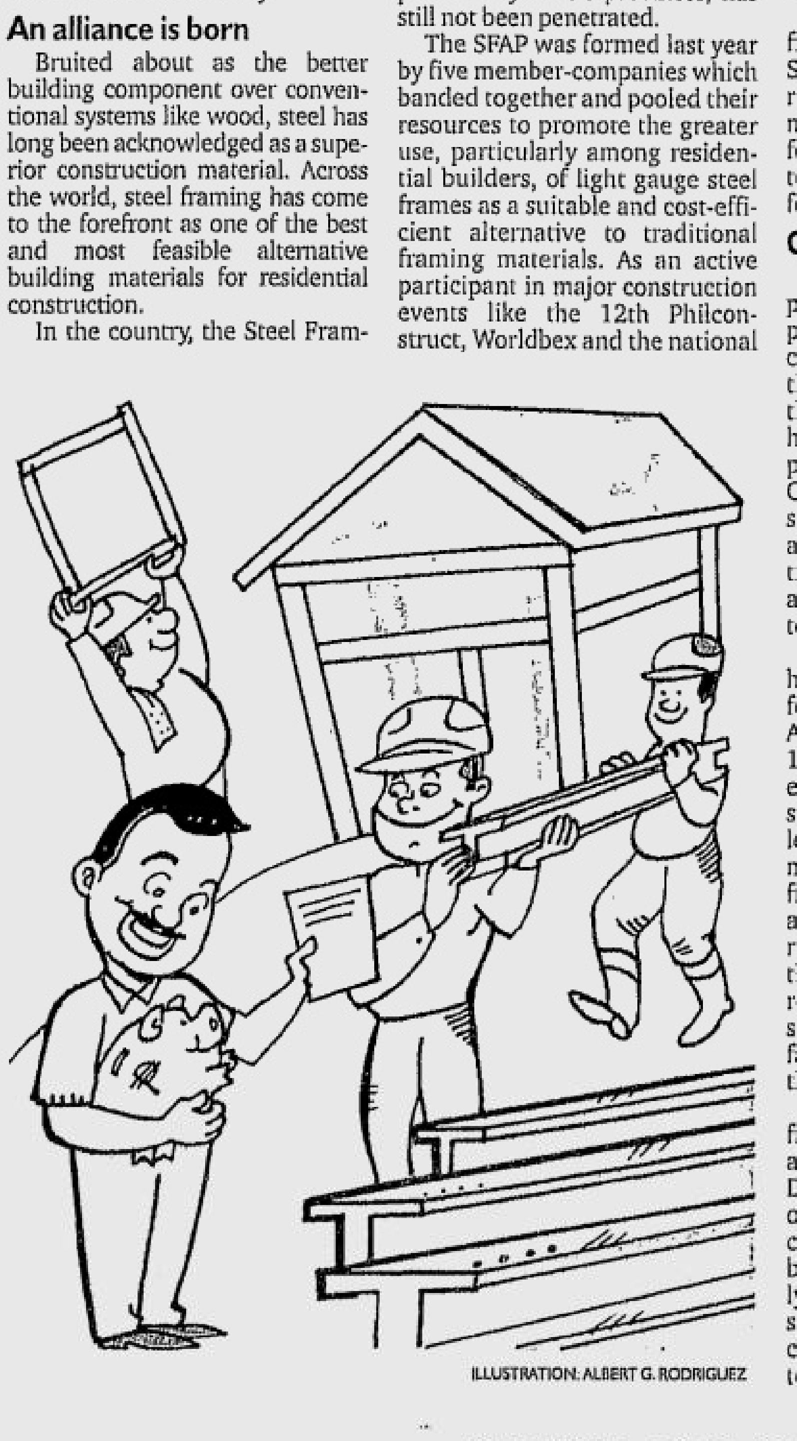
Patterned after reputable steel framing associations abroad, the SFAP hopes to eliminate the barriers to market share growth and maximize current opportunities for industry practitioners. It aims to protect the industry, the SFAP founding members said.

Global demand

Over the last 12 months, steel prices have shot up by 30 to 40 percent, said an SFAP member-company official. Emerging as the main driver of steel prices in the world market is China, which has begun a construction binge in preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Despite the increase in steel prices, local steel makers and the SFAP, in particular, have tried their best to absorb costs and keep local prices affordable to consumers.

Economists in the SEA region had shown an insatiable appetite for steel before the onset of the Asia-wide economic crisis of 1997. International steel industry experts note that the precrisis surge of the SEA steel market was led fundamentally by investments in industrial capacity, infrastructure buildups, housing and commercial construction and rising industrial output. Despite the impressive turnaround in the regional economies, steel consumption in recent years is still far below the levels recorded in the precrisis years.

Apart from light gauge steel frames, homeowners, builders and the public may check out at DesignBuild 2003 next month other versatile nonconventional construction technologies and building components that not only cut down labor cost and construction time but offer high efficiency, strength safety and long-term savings.



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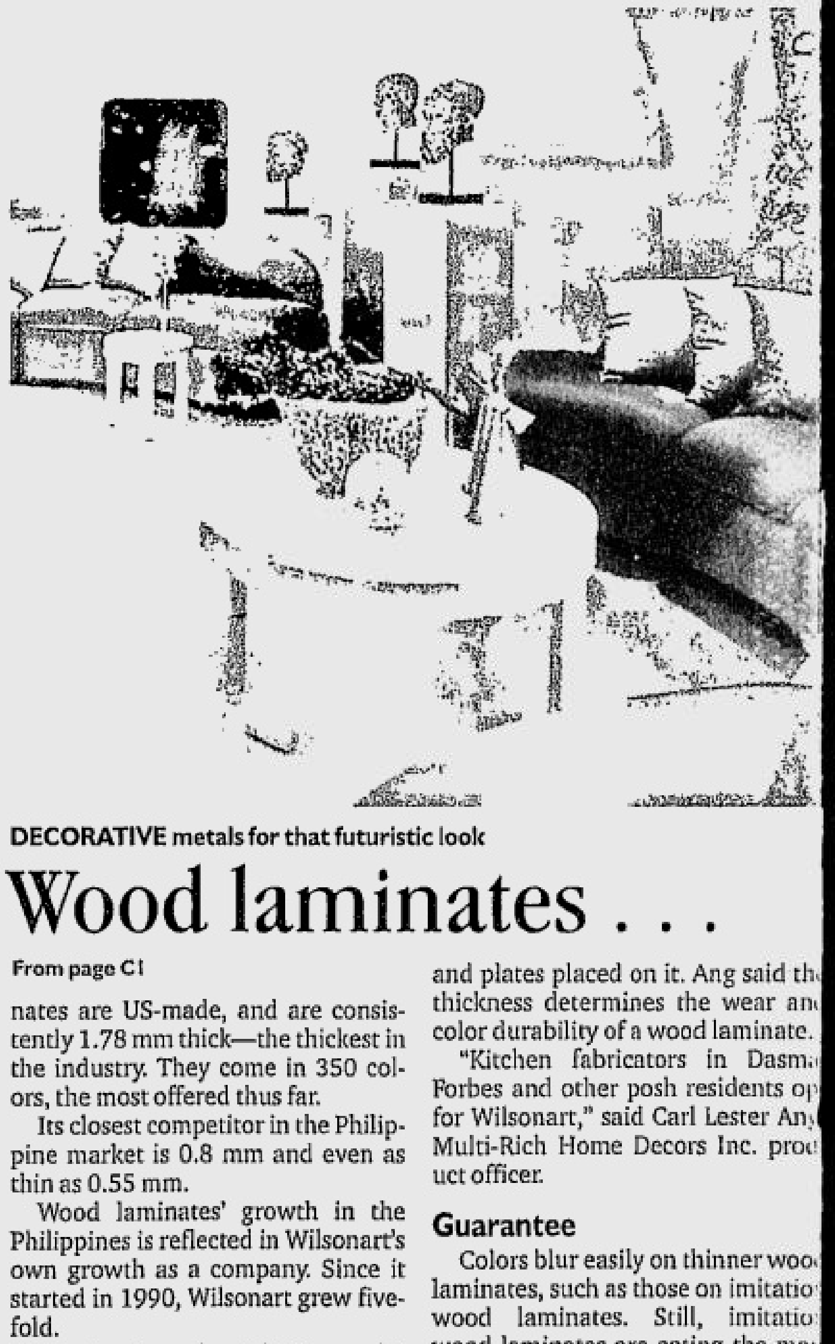

DECORATIVE metals for that futuristic look

Wood laminates . . .

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nates are US-made, and are consistently 1.78 mm thick—the thickest in the industry. They come in 350 colors, the most offered thus far.

Its closest competitor in the Philippine market is 0.8 mm and even as thin as 0.55 mm.

Wood laminates' growth in the Philippines is reflected in Wilsonart's own growth as a company. Since it started in 1990, Wilsonart grew fivefold.

Previously used on tabletops, cabinets, drawers, kitchen countertops, office tables, and vanity tops, designers now use wood laminates on wall panels—a replacement for veneer wood or paint, or even wallpaper.

Advantages

Wood laminates present a number of advantages, both in esthetic and practical terms. For one, paints do not match the evenness of wood laminates.

Wood laminates can be installed immediately. Builders just need to put contact adhesive on the wall and wait for this to dry before attaching the wood laminates. Paints involve several coatings.

Ang claimed wood laminates last as long as 20 years, as opposed to paint that last only for three to five years.

The thicker the wood laminate is, the stronger it can withstand the stress of impact, such as cook wear and plates placed on it. Ang said th thickness determines the wear an color durability of a wood laminate.

"Kitchen fabricators in Dasma Forbes and other posh residents op for Wilsonart," said Carl Lester An Multi-Rich Home Decors Inc. product officer.

Guarantee

Colors blur easily on thinner woo laminates, such as those on imitatio wood laminates. Still, imitatio wood laminates are eating the market of Wilsonart. Carl Lester, however, hopes the market would recognize the difference in terms of quality, branding, availability of color and durability.

"Wilsonart guarantees that if i product performs below technica expectations, we will replace it."

Even for malls and in high-end residential subdivisions, architects prefer using laminates. Carl Lester estimated 85 to 90 percent of top architects and interior designers go fo Wilsonart for high-end buildings.

Carl Lester said a four by eigh inch sheet wood laminate cost P1,680, which is more expensive fo the same area covered by paint o wallpaper. In the long-term basis however, he said, wood laminate last much more.

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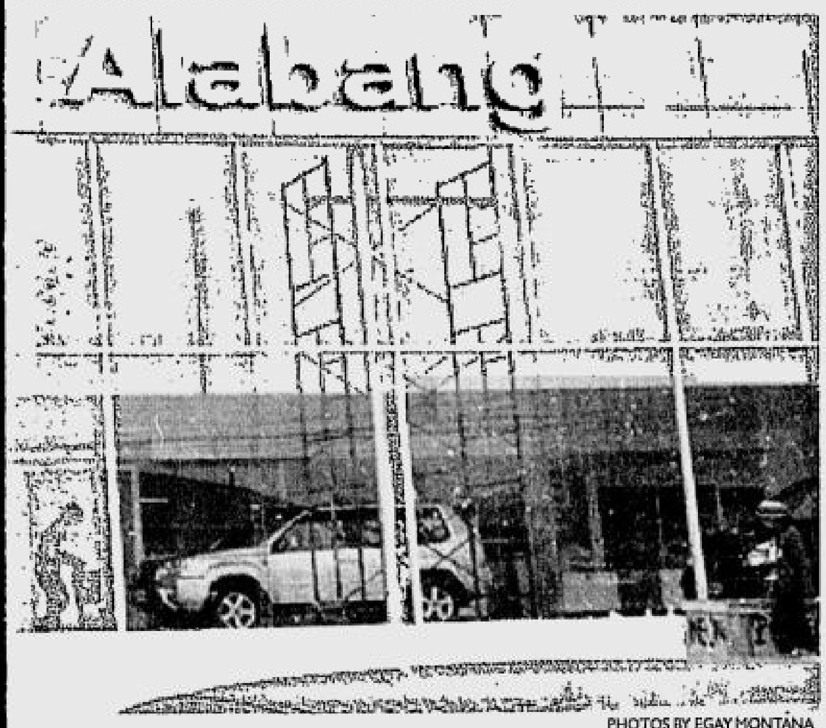

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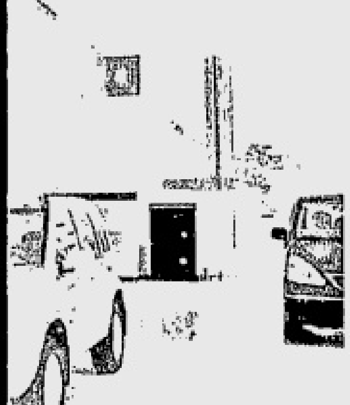

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He adds that Nissan Westgate is just the start. In three to five years, all of the Nissan showrooms would undergo their own "facelifts."

Lui discloses Nissan recently implemented a worldwide reimaging. The automaker, he says, wanted to project a new image and get rid of its old structures.

With the reimaging, Nissan also aims for uniformity in its dealerships.

The Nissan Westgate dealership, together with Nissan Gallery, was chosen to lead the reimaging campaign in the Philippines.

Says Lui: "Among the many changes would be the Nissan logo. If you compare it with the other Nissan logos, you will notice a subtle but distinct difference. They made it bolder."

Avoiding the various financing traps

By Alexis A. Acacio, Ph.D.

BUILDING DREAMS

"I AM currently paying my housing loan and I am going through a lot of difficulties and surprises. Various details were not explained to me when I was applying for the loan. What should I do?"

This is a common letter that I receive from a lot of our readers. I have compiled a list of the common mortgage traps and the tips that I recommend for people wishing to borrow money to finance their real estate acquisition.

Borrowing money for your real estate investment may be easy but make sure that you are prepared and fully understand the various "mortgage traps" that go with it. Borrowers usually concentrate on the maximum amount that they can borrow without even realizing that there are a few more items that they have to look at.

Some lenders do not fully understand the financial details that come with borrowing so they end up ill equipped when it comes to advising their clients. In borrowing money for your real estate acquisition, here are some of the traps and tips.

Processing fees

Trap: Additional expenses

The lender needs money to spend in investigating your credit rating and the value of the property that you are offering as collateral. Lenders have standard fees that are needed to process your loan but you may be paying unnecessary fees in the processing of your mortgage.

Tip: Ask for a list of these expenses

Before singing a loan agreement, ask the lender for a detailed list of the expenses that would go with the loan. It is your right to know every detail of the amount that you will be paying. Some of these expenses are documentary stamps, fire insurance, mortgage insurance and processing fees.

Very low down payment

Trap: Buying with a very low down payment

If you plan to buy a property on a low down payment scheme, be extra careful. A very low down payment means that you will have to borrow a lot of money. The interest payment for the borrowed amount can be so large that the total price of the property will be high.

Also, do not immediately be attracted with a property that is open in the market at a very low price since there may be a catch to it—a fake title, one with a lien or encumbrance, or the person whom you are talking to might not be the real owner or the authorized representative.

Tip: Check property values and legal aspects

Estimate how much is the total amount that you will be paying for the property if you give a very low down payment. Check out the authenticity of the title and have a real assessment of value. If you want to buy a property but you are not sure of its real value, you can ask the services of an appraiser. It is best that you seek the advice of a legal counsel or a real estate broker.

Not qualifying for a loan

Trap: Having told that you are not qualified

After going through the process of loan application by giving all of the documents, being told that you are not qualified causes a lot of emotional and physical stress on your part. What happens if you have given a reservation that cannot be refunded after finally being told that you are not qualified for a loan?

Tip: Prequalify before giving a down payment

Especially if you are a valued client of a lender, you may ask for a pre-approval so you can know how much you can afford. If you are giving a down payment and you will rely on financing to fully pay the property, make sure that you can recover a major part, if not all of your down payment in the event that you do not qualify for a loan. If you have had a bad credit rating in the past, tell your lender so they can immediately assess if you are qualified or not.

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Payment period

Trap: You cannot shorten the payment period

A lender's objective is to get you into the loan for an extended period of time that will give them more interest (which is the reason they exist). What happens now if you would want to shorten the payment period since you can now afford a higher monthly payment?

Tip: Make sure that you can prepay

Make sure that the loan agreement allows you accelerate payments. By this, you will be able to pay up your loan faster. Do your best to shorten the payment period since the earlier you can pay, the more equity you will have in your own home. Check with your lender if they would require an extra fee if you prepay the loan.

Assumption of mortgage

Trap: Assuming another person's mortgage

You might negotiate with an owner to assume the existing mortgage on the property that you are buying only to find out that after continuing all of the payments, you cannot transfer the ownership to yourself.

Tip: Inform the lender about the assumption of mortgage

Many lenders prohibit the assumption of mortgage especially when it comes to real estate. If ever they do allow, you would have to inform which might require that your credit standing be checked. It is always safe to inform the lender if you are assuming a mortgage or when buying property in cash.

Final Advice—Borrowing money to finance your real estate acquisition is a complicated matter. If you do not understand the terms and conditions in the loan agreement, always seek the advice of a competent professional. The wise real estate investor is always informed, knowledgeable and careful.

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Concrete a good investment for housing

THE PHILIPPINES is a tropical country, whose weather varies from wet to dry and warm to cold. Local architects and engineers endorse the use of cement-based structure because it provides durability, affordability, safety, protection from noise, and requires only low maintenance, as well as being environment friendly.

"Concrete homes are naturally protected from structural damage that can be brought on by the effects of nature. They do not require high annual maintenance and high energy costs," explains architect Arturo Flores of the Metro Manila project management.

Superior life span

Compared to wood and its derivatives, cement has superior life span. It cannot be easily destroyed or damaged by frequent change of weather.

Studies also show that concrete is one of the safest building materials because of its ability to sustain and absorb shock. It is more resistant to the wind and rain, typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes and even floods—things that the Philippines is constantly in danger of.

"Unlike wood, concrete does not produce harmful chemicals when in place. Wood needs chemical treatment to prevent it from early deterioration. Such toxic treatment is retained in wood, which eventually could be harmful to human," Flores adds.

Abundant resources

Concrete is produced from some of the world's most abundant resources. Among them are gravel, sand and cement. Concrete is recyclable and can be reclaimed throughout the manufacturing process, thus, making it more environment-friendly.

As privacy and quiet are necessary, even more particularly in the Philippine environment where loud music, radio and other noise can be a problem, it is also important that materials used on houses can block and absorb sound. It should not reflect sound to protect its occupants from outside noise.

Says Flores: "Concrete walls and floors minimize noise pollution. They are good at insulating rooms against outside noises, conversation and loud music. They also resist airborne sounds like traffic noise," Flores said.

Concrete also has excellent fire-resistant properties. It is noncombustible and has a low rate of heat diffusion, making concrete buildings safe from fire. The insurance industry recognizes this and reduces premiums of buildings using concrete.

Radio commercials focus on homeowners' woes

"OPEN *kisame*!

James Hardie Phils. Inc. and HardiFlex dish out a light-hearted take on the problems encountered by homeowners during the rainy season through new radio commercials featuring the travails of a father and his little boy, which are aired over dzRH.

The fiber cement company also sponsors the regular weather updates aired during the dzRH news broadcasts.

"Our radio spots are punchy and straight to the point," notes marketing manager Junie Rondon. "We focused on the qualities of HardiFlex that make it the ideal building material for the rainy season."

Ideal choice

HardiFlex, which is made of cement and wood fiber from replenishable forests in New Zealand, is the ideal choice for homeowners needing repairs on their ceilings because of its special qualities. Apart from being fire-resistant and termite-proof, HardiFlex is also water-resistant-thus, the expression *"Tibay* HardiFlex." The only widely recognized building board brand in the Philippines, HardiFlex has quickly captured over 95 percent of the fiber cement board (FCB) market.

The board's durability is underscored in the commercials, dubbed "Open" and "Bukol." In "Open," a little boy is heard repeating the chant "Open *kisame!"* Asked by his dad why, he explains that he is trying to get the ceiling in that part of the house to open; like in their living room. In "Bukol," the boy asks his dad what to put on a *"bukol"* (swelling), suggesting that the ceiling needs it.

"Those are the common experiences we have with plywood—it gapes, bulges or warps after just a short period of time, and it is especially vulnerable when it rains heavily," observes Rondon.

Main reason

A recent nationwide study, called "Usage, Attitudes and Image" (UAI) conducted recently by James Hardie, shows that 43 percent of 1,200 respondents cited water-related damage as the main reason ceilings and walls require repair.

"With HardiFlex, there's no more 'open *kisame'* or *bukol* because HardiFlex is water resistant and strong, like concrete. And unlike plywood, it will not easily peel off or warp," says Rondon. That's why we call it *"Tibay* Hardiflex"—you get the flexibility of plywood with the strength and durability of concrete in one product. You won't need to repair or replace your ceiling for a long time."

Rondon also emphasizes that HardiFlex does not contain asbestos. The material, which causes asbestosis, has been banned from use in many countries since the late 1970s. There have even been reports of people here dying due to prolonged exposure to asbestos-containing materials (ACMs)," he says.

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Thanks to *"Tibay* HardiFlex," homeowners are sure that their ceilings will remain whole and *"bukolfree"* even beyond the rainy season," says Rondon.

CONSTRUCTSCOPE

Federal Hardware sale up to 75% off

FEDERAL Hardware, the fastest-growing one-stop US-style hardware is offering until Sept. 30 quality items at rock-bottom prices through its mid-year sale. On sale at up to 75 percent off are storage solutions products of US top brand ClosetMaid. Among these are plate racks, shelves and bathroom accessories. Through its partnership with Orgill Inc., America's largest hardware distribution network, Federal Hardware is the industry's lowest price leader for ClosetMaid products. Other home improvement items are also on sale. For a limited time, a buy-one take-one deal is being offered for high-quality Federal tools such as long nose and diagonal cutters. Visit the Federal Hardware flagship store at 2250 Don Chino Roces Ave., Makati City, or other branches in Angeles City, Bocaue, Taytay, Cainta, Commonwealth, Cubao, E. Rodriguez, Las Piñas, Biñan, San Pablo City, Bacoor, Imus, Dasmariñas, Makiling, Calamba, Sucat and soon at the Alabang Town Center.

Philconstruct 2003 slated Nov. 13-16

THE PHILIPPINE Constructors Association, the oldest trade organization in the country, will stage Philconstruct 2003, the Philippine International Construction Materials and Equipment Exhibition, on Nov. 13-16 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila. Philconstruct 2003, the longest running and most comprehensive construction trade show in the country, will feature the latest technologies in construction as well as materials and equipment covering the wide range of industrial works, infrastructure development, real estate development and building construction including interior requirements represented by over 5,000 products and global brands of innovations and building solutions.

Lecture on distressed property

THE URBAN Institute of Real Estate will conduct a real estate seminar titled "Making Big Money in Distressed Property" on Aug. 26 at 1-3 p.m. at Max Restaurant, Glorietta 2, Park Square Drive, Ayala Center, Makati City. Pieces of property in distress and those facing foreclosure offer opportunities to real estate investors not only in terms of good profit but also in saving the owner's credit standing and remaining equity in the property. It also saves the distressed owner from more sleepless nights and gives him a new start with the money salvaged from the forthcoming foreclosure that was avoided. Lecturer is engineer Enrico S. Cruz, who is a licensed real estate consultant and a real estate fellow and has more than three decades of working experience in engineering, construction, real estate development and education. For details, call up the Urban Institute at 681-0953 or e-mail at urbanet@pacific.net.ph.

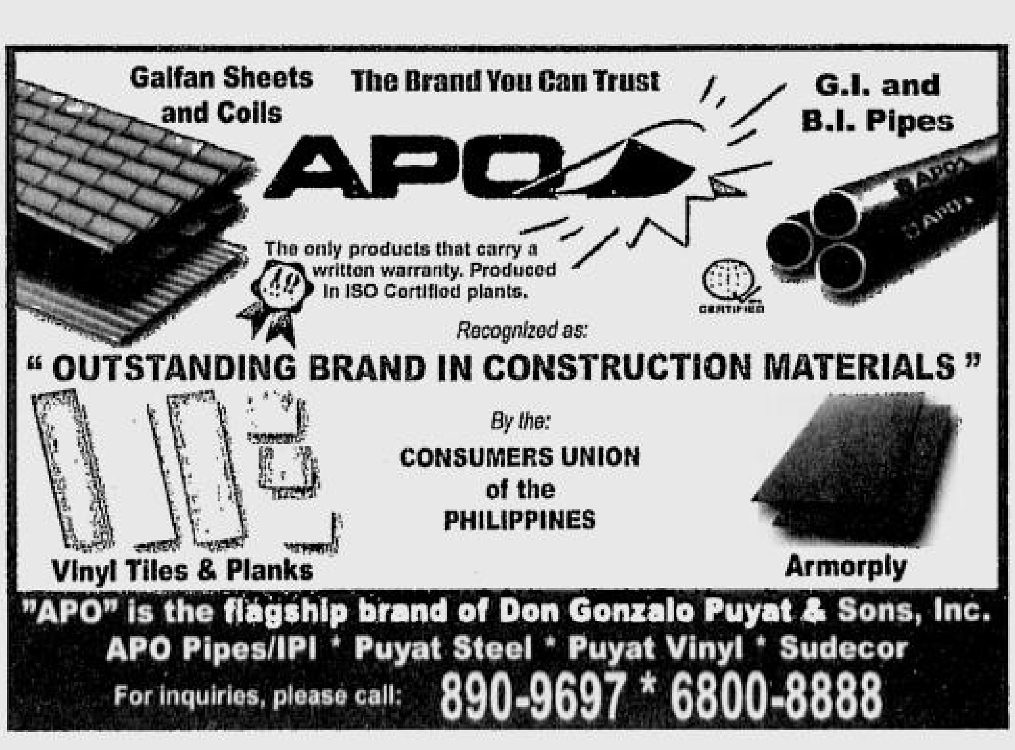
Real estate review

REAL Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines (Rebap) Greenhills Chapter will be having a Comprehensive Real Estate Brokers Review. The review will be held every Saturday—from Sept. 27 to Nov. 6—at Club Filipino. Those who are interested to become a licensed real estate broker may call up Bong Cruz at 740-6104 or at 0920-8007689.

Groundbreaking
Ceremony

GROUNDBREAKING RITE

Ayala Land Inc. president Francisco H. Licuanan leads the lowering of the ceremonial time capsule at the groundbreaking site for The Residences at Greenbelt. The project is ALI's response to market demand for exclusive condo living at the Greenbelt area. Also shown are architect Ted Narciso of GF and Partners; Emilio Tumbocon, ALI vice president and Makati Development Corp. president; Angela Lacson, ALI senior vice president and head of the Residential Buildings Group.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Another significant advantage is its prime location on Civic Drive, at the heart of Southern Metro Manila's premier satellite city. You'll be minutes away from the most exciting developments in Filinvest Corporate City such as The Palms Country Club, Festival Supermall, Northgate CyberZone and prime condominiums and office buildings.

Strategically located in one of the busiest parts of the city, 2301 Civic Place gives your business a ready market base being a few minutes away from the transport terminal that services almost a million commuters daily. You'll also benefit from the synergy between the most advanced medical institutions in the south, with the Asian Hospital and the Ospital ng Muntinlupa right across the street.

Added convenience

The ground level of the 12-story building is allocated for retail and commercial establishments that will provide added convenience to tenants. Other features are a reception area at the lobby, integrated multilevel parking, underground and overhead water storage, standby generators, fire alarm and sprinkler systems and individual mail pigeonholes.

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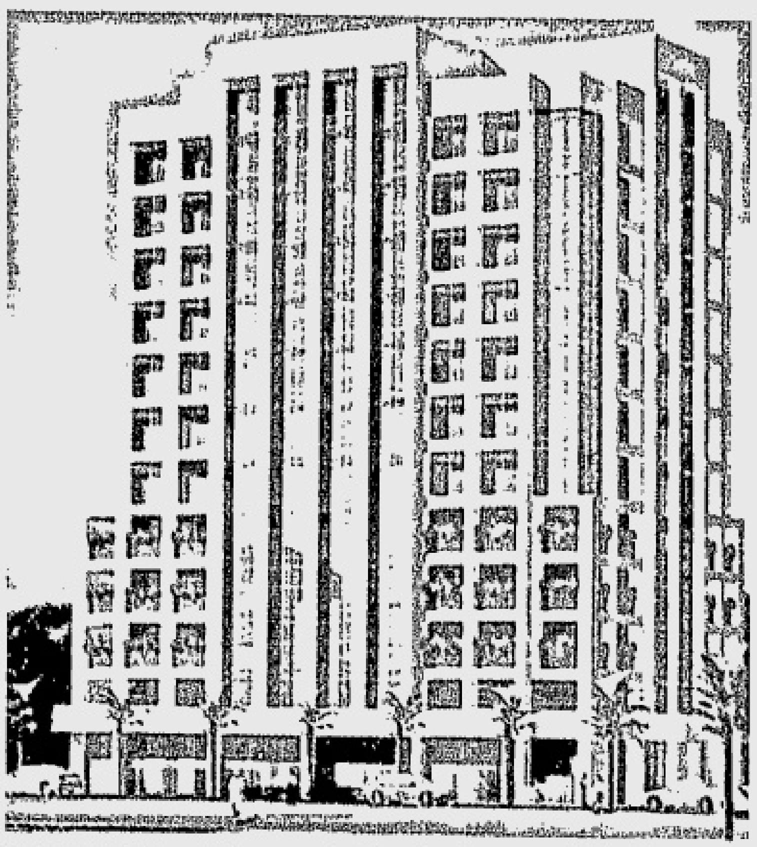

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Housing gets boost as new city rises

AS METRO Manila's daytime population now reaches 18 million and continues to multiply, President Macapagal-Arroyo has vowed to address the increasing demand for more housing and residential facilities.

In support of President Macapagal's campaign to provide more decent and affordable shelter, Amvel Land Development Corp. has envisioned a "new city" within Parañaque that is very proximate to all establishments, shopping malls, educational, business and transport facilities. This was learned from Carlos V. Baviera, executive vice president for business development of Mavco Holdings, a flagship company of Amvel Land.

Compact, ecological community

Said Baviera: "With the transformation of the metropolis into a mega city, soon a twin vision for Amvel City in Parañaque, designed to be a satellite business center under the concept of self-contained compact and ecological community, will unveil a landmark of growth and development to the city's remarkable bullish economy."

The locational value of Amvel City is a crossroad to development anchors of Cavite-Batangas Industrial Corridors, Makati Central Business District, Manila International Seaport as well as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

Contribution to housing

Amvel City, a master-planned development, shall consist of an office, commercial and shopping center, and recreational and institutional complexes. But its strong contribution to housing will be the Amvel Mansions, a multilevel residential condominium.

Amvel Mansions, a breakaway from the traditional residential matrix comparable with those in Makati City, Ortigas Center and in Quezon City, is very proximate to the soon-to-be-constructed LRT route and only a five-minute drive from the Naia, 30-40 minutes away from Makati City, a few minutes to Roxas Boulevard, and very accessible to the SM Shopping Malls on Sucat Road and the extension of C-5 road.

Major participants

As a final gesture of its commitment to the housing industry, Amvel Land has engaged the expertise and long-time experience of the RGV Real Estate Center Inc., which is known for its exceptional track record and competence for over 25 years, in the local and overseas market.

Other major participants to this noble housing venture are Pimentel Rodriguez Simbulan & Partners, Aromin & Sy, Green Pacific Technical Services, Jose Ailing & Associates, David Langdon & Seah Phils., Schema Konsult Inc., L.R. Punsalan & Associates, O.S. Roque Engineering, Max Cacapit, Advanced Foundation Construction Systems Corp., L&M Maxco Co. Inc. and Asian Construction and Development Corp.

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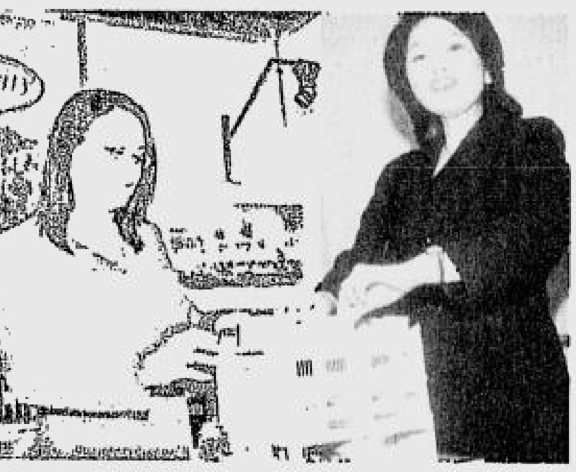
BRIEFING

Trade Assistant Secretary Felicitas Agoncillo-Reyes, right, is briefed by Elizabeth Dantes, vice president for finance and administration of One Asia Development Corp., on the features of the Celebrity Place Walkup Condominium at the opening rites of the World Food Expo 2003 held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City.



CPAC Monier grabs high-end mart, eyes other construction sectors

MARKET leader CPAC Monier Philippines Inc. is targeting to eventually change the local roofing landscape in the country. Now the country's leading provider of cement roof tiles, the company plans to aggressively convince more segments of the construction industry to switch to cement roof tiles.

A partnership between world leaders Lafarge of France and the Siam Cement Group of Thailand, the firm currently dominates the high-end segment of the construction industry. It has, however, penetrated a significant portion of the economical housing segment and institutional projects.

CPAC Monier roof tiles are the more practical and durable alternative to GI sheets. More and more architects and developers as well as household owners have been persuaded to switch to the firm's concrete roof tiles.

Same quality

CPAC Monier's roof tiles are backed by superior technology from only the world leaders in the roofing industry. Those produced in the Philippines have the same quality as those offered by Lafarge and the Siam Group in 40 countries.

Best suited for the country's tropical climate, these roofing tiles reduce heat during summer and muffle noise from rain unlike GI sheets. They are rustproof and fire-resistant, and have virtually no maintenance costs. What's more, the company offers 25 years warranty on its products.

"No local manufacturer can match our quality," said GM Rodolfo Bueno. He also said the company's state-of-the-art production plant in Sto. Tomas, Batangas, can produce up to two million tiles a month, enough to supply the requirements of builders nationwide.

Top qualities

Architect Arnel Nacor, CMPI sales and marketing manager, said CPAC Monier concrete roof tiles can boast of durability, installation convenience and affordability compared to any other product available locally.

With the offer of high quality and affordability, CMPI remains optimistic that the Philippine roofing landscape will eventually shift to such practical and more economical material to include not only high-end developments but also mass housing projects.

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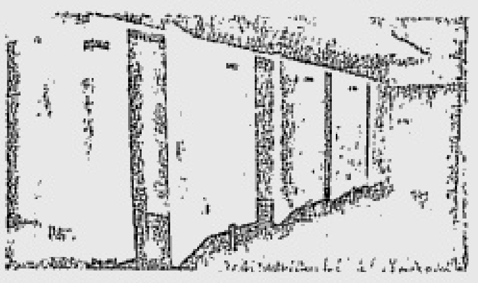
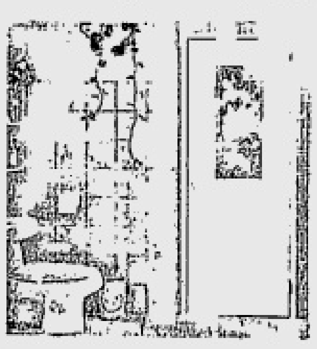


APPLICATION: Atlanta PVC Partition is ideally designed for toilet partition in big buildings such as hotels, restaurants, malls, hospitals, schools and others. It can also be used as office partitions, cubicles, reception counters and the like
ADVANTAGES:
• Easy to install
• Lightweight
• Elegant and durable
• Maintenance-free
• Modern with reasonable price

ATLANTA PVC DOORS



ADVANTAGES:
• Easy to install
• Rot-free
• Maintenance-free
• Cost-efficient
• Lightweight
• Waterproof
• Durable
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Height: 2.1M / 1.9M Width: .6 to .9 M
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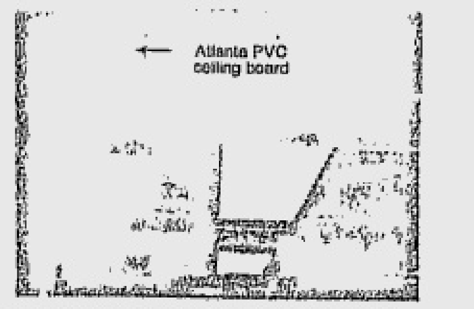
ATLANTA PVC CEILING BOARD



APPLICATION: For interior use such as offices, residential, commercial buildings
ADVANTAGES:
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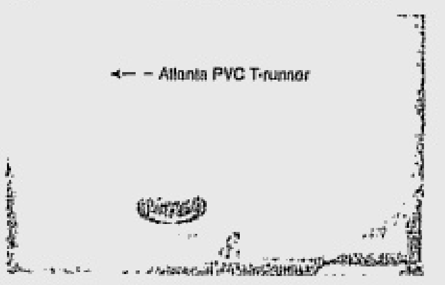
• easy to install

ATLANTA PVC T-RUNNER



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WELL AND GOOD

Tina Juan

TEN years ago, when my gym business partner first joined me in my annual pilgrimage to the Idea World Fitness Convention, she was convinced that she had to go on a diet and get in shape so her body would look up-to-par with those of the fitness instructors she expected to see there. She was surprised when I told her she had nothing to worry about because instructors came in all shapes and sizes and that there was no need for her to think that her body was not "good enough" to attend a fitness convention. Of course, seeing is believing so she needlessly made herself anxious and tense until she saw with her own eyes what I was talking about.

Many people have a misconception that being thin automatically equals being fit and that a person cannot possibly be fit and fat at the same time. I learned early on in my life that it was possible because my very first role models in fitness, my ballet teacher and "Slimnastics" teacher, were both overweight. These ladies were stronger, more flexible, had more stamina, and were even more graceful and light-footed than I was. I don't know why my ballet teacher was overweight but I suspect she just had a stocky build. My Slimnastics teacher openly admitted that she loved to eat. I never felt they were mediocre teachers because they did not have the stereotypical figure that we expected instructors to have. On the contrary, they were excellent teachers with a large following.

For the very first time, at this year's convention, there was a booth selling fitness apparel for plus-size women. I'm talking about stuff that was just as cute and fashionable as those being sold in the other booths. This is a validation of what scientific research has discovered in the last 10 years about fitness.

Groundbreaking study

In 1995, epidemiologist Stephen Blair published a groundbreaking study in the International Journal of Obesity. An epidemiologist is a scientist who studies large numbers of people to look for patterns in diseases, including how they relate to lifestyle. Blair analyzed the lives of 25,389 men for nearly 20 years. His research found that the fat men were more likely to get sick and die early than the thin ones. This was the same finding of most other obesity research projects at that time.

Blair then decided to check on the men's physical fitness levels because no other research group had done so. He was surprised to find that among the fit men (those who exercised regularly), the fat ones lived as long as the thin ones. Even more surprising, the thin men who were out of shape were nearly three times more likely to die young than the fat men who exercised regularly. In other words, it was how much regular exercise the men got rather than their weights that made a difference in how long they lived.

According to Blair, it is a mistake to assume that being overweight is the main cause of high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and certain cancers. He explains that although excess weight is associated with these diseases, researchers see the same diseases in sedentary people and unfit people of every weight. He claims it's not the weight that kills you; it's inactivity that does.

Imprudent lifestyle

Paul Emsberger of the New England Journal of Medicine also believes that obesity is not the direct cause of disease. He says, "It is simply the marker of an imprudent lifestyle." In short, if you are overweight or obese because of poor eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle, then you are unhealthy and at risk of dying young. But if you are overweight or even obese in spite of an active lifestyle and proper nutrition, and you have normal blood sugar, cholesterol, triglycerides and blood pressure, you can consider yourself healthy.

Another researcher who agrees with Blair is Glenn Gaesser, exercise physiologist and author of "Big Fat Lies: The Truth About Your Weight and Your Health". Gaesser says, "If the height-weight charts say you are five pounds too heavy, or even 50 or more pounds too heavy, it is of little consequence healthwise—as long as you are physically fit."

Gaesser's research shows that disorders like high blood pressure and diabetes can be normalized with physical activity and good eating habits—even if the individuals studied remain obese.

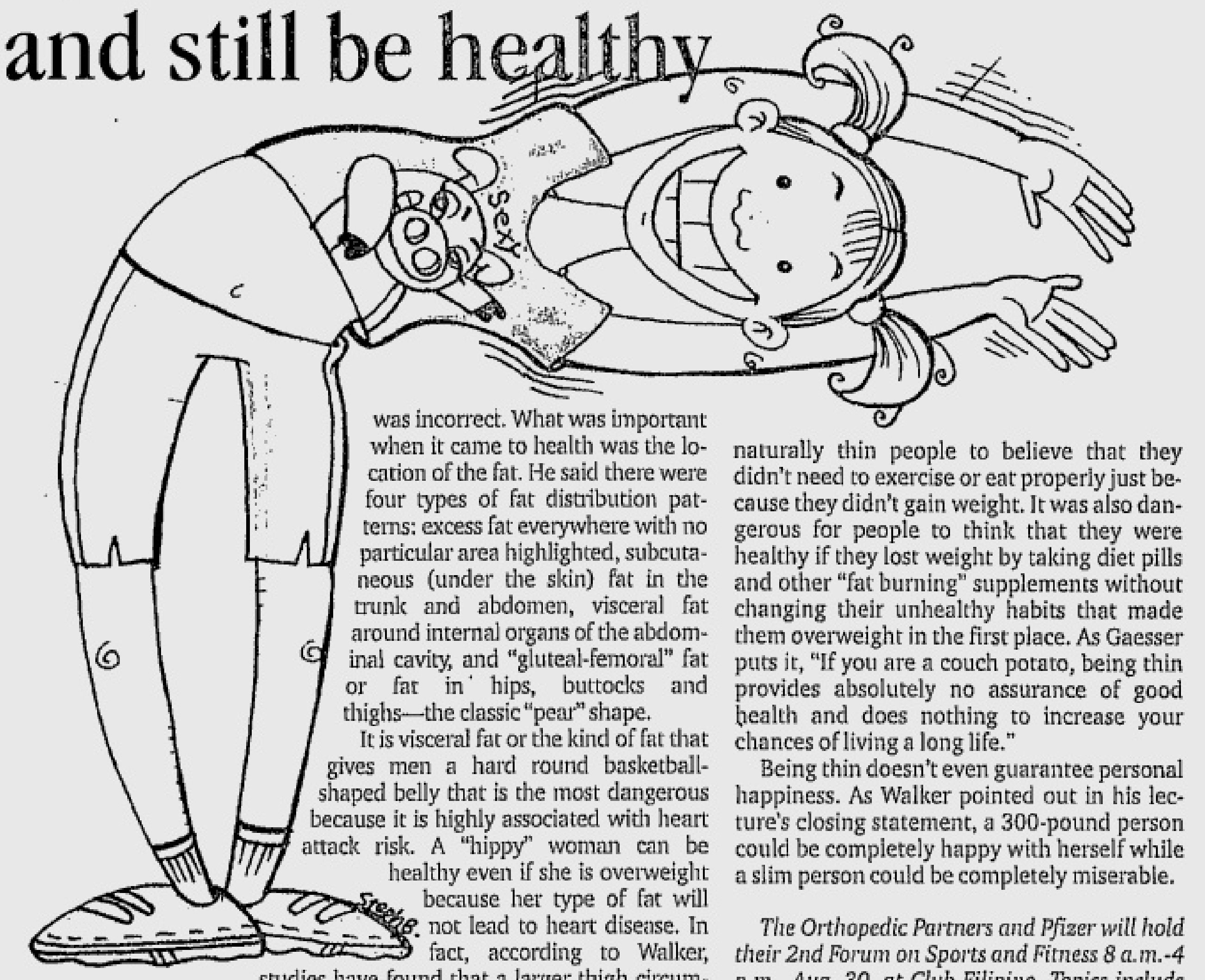
This is good news for people who begin an exercise and diet program only to drop out a few months later because they haven't lost as much weight as they think they should. If this has happened to you before, keep in mind that even if you don't lose a single pound, exercise can raise your HDL or good cholesterol levels, lower your triglycerides, normalize your blood pressure and blood sugar levels, and make your blood less likely to over-clot.

Genetically different

At a lecture I attended at this year's convention, Dr. Philip Walker of the Walker Wellness Clinic in Dallas, Texas, stressed that we were all genetically different in terms of how we processed food and how we burned calories (our metabolic rate), so we should stop believing that everyone should be thin. In fact, he said that people could be healthy at any size.

He believed that there was such an obsession in the world today with thinness either for appearance or for health, that many people were "killing" themselves with bizarre diets, diet pills and excessive exercise just to attain a certain weight and size. He said that people should stop focusing on weight loss and instead focus on changing their lifestyles. Good nutrition and regular exercise might or might not make you lose weight, but even if you couldn't shed a pound and you remained a plus-size person, it didn't mean that a healthy lifestyle was useless because the real benefits were going on inside your body.

Walker also mentioned that the general assumption that excess body fat was unhealthy was incorrect. What was important when it came to health was the location of the fat. He said there were four types of fat distribution patterns: excess fat everywhere with no particular area highlighted, subcutaneous (under the skin) fat in the trunk and abdomen, visceral fat around internal organs of the abdominal cavity, and "gluteal-femoral" fat or fat in hips, buttocks and thighs—the classic "pear" shape.



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It is visceral fat or the kind of fat that gives men a hard round basketball-shaped belly that is the most dangerous because it is highly associated with heart attack risk. A "hippy" woman can be healthy even if she is overweight because her type of fat will not lead to heart disease. In fact, according to Walker, studies have found that a larger thigh circumference is associated with low LDL (bad cholesterol) and triglycerides and high HDL (good cholesterol). Of course, all this changes when a woman enters menopause and her declining estrogen levels make her body change gears and weight gain shifts to the abdominal area just like a man.

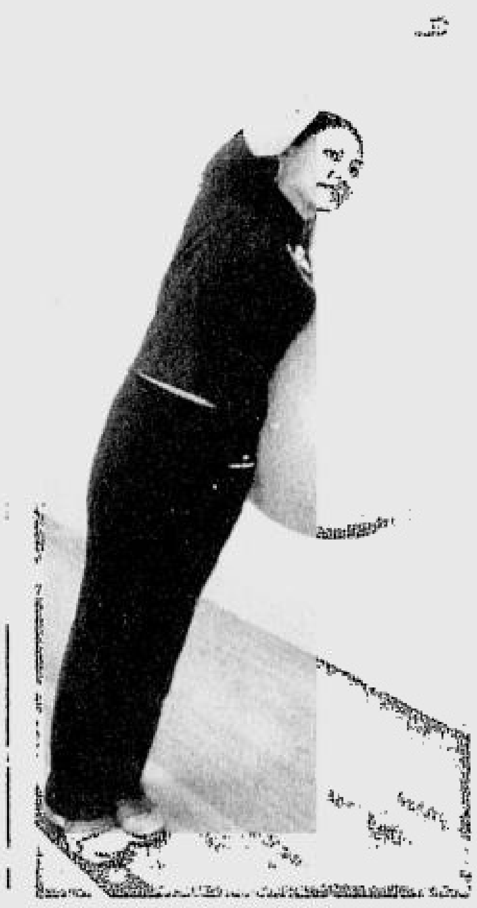
Walker warned that it was dangerous for naturally thin people to believe that they didn't need to exercise or eat properly just because they didn't gain weight. It was also dangerous for people to think that they were healthy if they lost weight by taking diet pills and other "fat burning" supplements without changing their unhealthy habits that made them overweight in the first place. As Gaesser puts it, "If you are a couch potato, being thin provides absolutely no assurance of good health and does nothing to increase your chances of living a long life."

Being thin doesn't even guarantee personal happiness. As Walker pointed out in his lecture's closing statement, a 300-pound person could be completely happy with herself while a slim person could be completely miserable.

The Orthopedic Partners and Pfizer will hold their 2nd Forum on Sports and Fitness 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 30, at Club Filipino. Topics include Latest Exercise Fads, Myths about Children in Sports, Sports Readiness, Sports Nutrition, Sports Psychology, Strength Training, and Plyometrics. The seminar, including snacks and lunch, is free but there's a limited number of slots so pre-register c/o the Pfizer Customer Service Department by calling 864-3757. Look for Sahli Macalinao.

> It's the lack of activity, not the weight, that will do you in

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK



Wall lateral stretch with ball

STRETCHES the sides of torso and hips

Equipment

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Exercise technique

1. Place the ball at waist level. Slowly walk your legs away from the wall until you are leaning at a slanted angle. Lean into the ball.
2. Put the arm closest to the wall behind the ball and take your other arm overhead.

Performance tips

1. "Walk your fingers" up the wall to increase the stretch at the sides of your body.
2. Do not hold your breath while holding the stretch. Continue to breathe normally.

Repetitions

You can do this exercise dynamically (Do five to 10 repetitions of reaching up and down with your arm.) or statically (Do only one repetition holding the stretch for 10-30 seconds.). Or you can do a combination of 10 dynamic repetitions and one static stretch.

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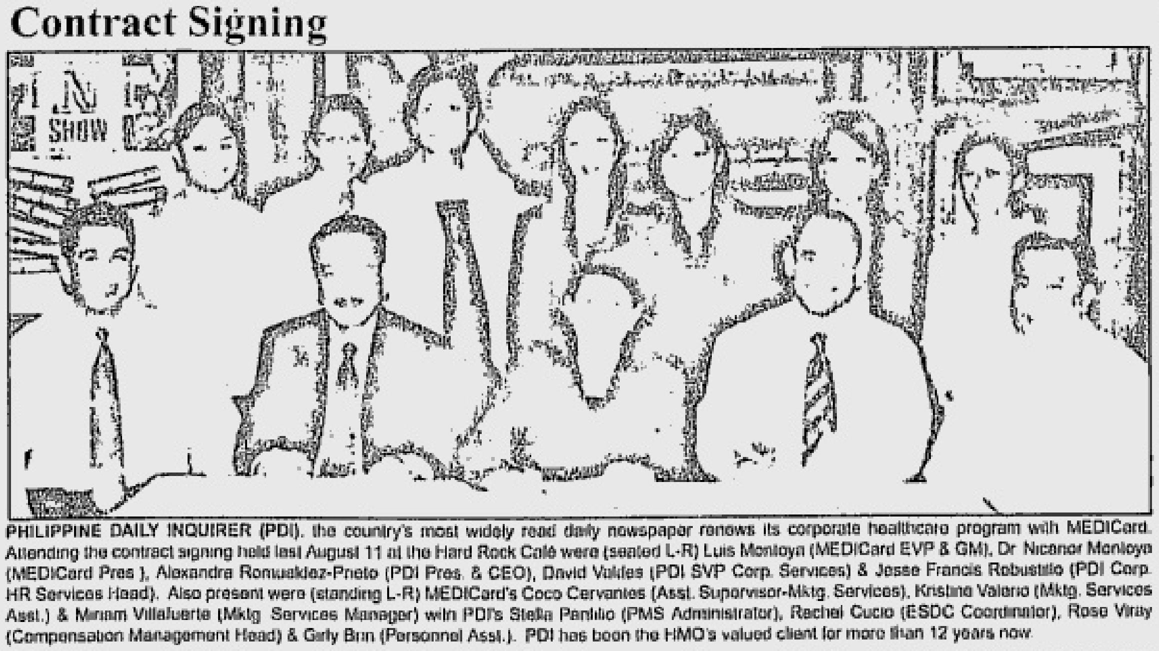

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER (PDI), the country's most widely read daily newspaper renews its corporate healthcare program with MEDICard. Attending the contract signing held last August 11 at the Hard Rock Café were (seated L-R) Luis Montoya (MEDICard EVP & GM), Dr Nicanor Montoya (MEDICard Pres.), Alexandra Romualdez-Prieto (PDI Pres. & CEO), David Valdes (PDI SVP Corp. Services) & Jesse Francis Robustillo (PDI Corp. HR Services Head). Also present were (standing L-R) MEDICard's Coco Cervantes (Asst. Supervisor-Mktg. Services), Kristina Valerio (Mktg. Services Asst.) & Miriam Villafuerte (Mktg. Services Manager) with PDI's Stella Penilio (PMS Administrator), Rachel Cucio (ESDC Coordinator), Rose Viray (Compensation Management Head) & Gerly Brin (Personnel Asst.). PDI has been the HMO's valued client for more than 12 years now.

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THE CEBU-MANILLE Connection: Freeman Daily and Z magazine spitfire Eva Gullas with Rustan's beautifully kept secret, Clarins babe Rhoda Campos

COOLING IT: Diether Ocampo chills with Rustan's eyecatcher Toni Abad

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Angel scents, muses and tributes

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by **Alex Van Hagen** on Kodak Max

Mugler's muse is a brunette, quite a departure from the blonds and redheads of old

HEY, **Thierry Mugler** is back, *palanggas*. Not his clothes, but his latest hottest selling fragrance. Unveiled in Cosmo Manille last busy, busy weekend is a new image for Thierry's signature fragrance, beautifully called Angel. The world premiere of the new Angel muse coincided with the successful launching of the Thierry Mugler counter at Rustan's.

Angel image model, gorgeous **Anna-Maria Csech** is shown precariously perched on top of a building in the midst of a bustling unnamed city in the billboard. Super nice man with a vision for Thierry Mugler products, **John Marangos**, jetted into town for Thierry's re-birth, and said, "The new brunette model is a big departure from the earlier blondes and redhead which captured Thierry Mugler's eye in previous advertising visuals. Anna-Maria, reminded Mr. Mugler of the beautiful **Vivien Leigh**!"

We went to another part of the Oakwood function room where this happening took place and was agog over the huge posters showing previous Angels like **Estelle Hallyday**, the one of a kind **Jerry Hall** and **Amy Wesson** all beautifully shot by accomplished photographer, multi-talented Thierry Mugler.

During cocktails, almost stealing the show from T. Mugler was handsome **Diether Ocampo**. I heard a couple of sighs and wows from the women when he strolled in.

Thierry Mugler's eyecatching counter at Rustan's Makati also carries a men's perfume, simply called Amen! plus other Angel scents, like hair and body shampoo, body creams and lotions, and must have hair spray, which takes away the odor of smoke and food that can cling to the hair after a partying night out, dahlings.

The best new idea of Mugler is the patented perfume service that allows customers to refill their T.M. bottles with their favorite perfume. "This unique service allows customers to reuse their bottles and is reminiscent of the old days when perfumers mixed customers their personalized fragrance and refilled their perfume bottles," explained tall, eyecatching vivaciously adorable blonde **Carie Baxter**.

It is this unique service, that has made Thierry Mugler a hot-shot fragrance house today.

Check out Rustan's, cause that's the ticket to Thierry Mugler in Cosmo Manille.

Do smile, *palanngas*, your facial muscles deserve a break today.

Tribute

At the grand tribute to the unequalled, one-of-a-kind world-class couturier, **Joe Salazar** held at ELJ Communications Center, ABS-CBN's largest building in Cubao (and located almost at the end of the world for those who live midtown and downtown), the pre-show cocktails drew 200 or so guests. They braved the horrendous traffic just to be present at this super happening, a project of ABS-CBN Publishing's Metro Magazine, and to view Salazar's most cherished creations, *palanggas*.

Old-wealth society ladies **Lulu Tinio** and **Sonia Mathay** were greeted by every prominent personality; Lulu's daughter, stylish looker and world traveler **Lisa Tinio Bayot**, just arrived from Paris.

Impeccable, ultra glamorous patroness of the less privileged, **Imelda Cojuangco**, was the epitome of elegance.

The original trendsetter for young designers, **Larry Silva**, was so excited about his new pad. "I've been entertaining lately, (giving) small dinners for close friends. You have to promise to come one night," he told *moi*. I promised I'd visit.

Cinderella's workaholic socialite, **Therese Coronel Santos**, was back from Italy on one of her buying sprees for her stores.

There was this mature socialite who was so finicky with mirrors, forever cleaning them in her home. One look at her and I couldn't blame the lady. Who wants to see ugly wrinkles, *di bala*?

Moi chatted with E.Z. a bit and asked her, "Is it true that you really don't care who wears the pants in your family?" Because she's known to say amen to whatever her hubby says or does. She answered, "Yes, it's true. But remember this, Maurice. As long as there is money in pockets, who cares?" That really floored me.

The most gorgeous head-turner at the affair was the tall, stunning beauty, **Lucy Torres Gomez**, who looked like Venus in her white draped chiffon outfit; also eye-catching was **Pinky Webb** with her golden tan, in a simple brown knit bustier and burnt crystal, colored necklace for that extra touch. In contrast, **Pia Hontiveros**, in basic black, showed off her smooth porcelain skin. Plus, a dainty diamond cross for a bit of glitter. Another head-turner was vivacious **Freida Dario**, in a wraparound draped jersey cocktail outfit, showing a lot of skin. All these babes wore their designer clothes with style. Mission accomplished!

Looking well pleased over the turnout was the elegant, beauty and brains **Charo Santos-Concio**, ABS-CBN's magnum secret weapon.

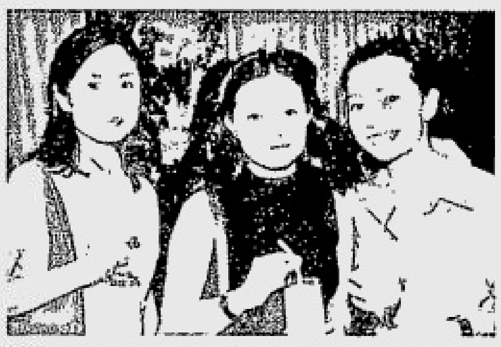
But where was **Pitoy Moreno**, *palanggas*? Just asking.

JOHN Marangos and Mugler's mega international marketing director Carrie Baxter show off Philippine Tatler's latest issue with Kris Aquino on the cover

RICO Tantoco takes a whiff of Amen, Thierry Mugler's fragrance for men.

RUBY Ghan with Boogie Trinidad and Rieko Ishizawa

UPSCALE Mugler buyers: Jessie Briones, Mori Ongsiako, Viviane Amans, Criselda Lontok and Chona Lopez


HIP Mugler babes Kinny Salas, Hazel and Nikki Domingo

RUSTAN'S cyber smart southern gal Jenny Teves with Agoo Bengzon and Myrza Sison

JANELLE So does an Estelle Holliday act.

METRO Magazine's super headturner of the affair Freida Dario

HOTSHOTS of ABS-CBN: Monchet Olives, vivacious Pat Daza, elegant Charo Santos-Concio, the lady behind the successful tribute Thelma San Juan, man of the hour Joe Salazar and the gentleman who first gave Joe S. his first and only grand fashion show, Ben Chan

SOCIETY SET: Lulu Tinio with her daughter Liza Bayot and Sonia Mathay

CINDERELLA'S golden gal, Therese Coronel Santos, renowned top couturier Rusty Lopez and perky Nympha Yatco

FLOWER farm's southern lady Ging Silverio de los Reyes

SHARON Fletcher Azanza, Pinky Webb, Pia Hontiveros and Larry Silva

THE LAGDAMEOS: businessman Tonet Lagdameo, his daughter Isabel, Cecilia Guingona and her honey, J.M. Lagdameo

JOE' S society pack: Loleng Panlilio, Imelda Cojuangco, Gilda Salonga and Nini Layug

Nature in a bottle

CHOOSE from four spa packages in a variety of fruit-based, bean-based and tea-based essences.

By Pam Pastor

EVERYONE wants to be pampered.

If Elle Woods' dog Bruiser gets to go to a spa in "Legally Blonde 2", shouldn't the rest of us get a little spoiling action, too?

Unfortunately, spa treatments are generally pricey and cut into the budget of your typical hardworking Pinoy. A trip to the spa is seen as a luxury or something only the loaded can afford, unless one has the good fortune of getting it as a present.

It's a good thing there are people like Jen Adams-Juan who try to make sure the rest of us aren't deprived.

Kitchen products

Juan, a 25-year-old AB Psychology graduate from the Ateneo de Manila University, produces spa products from her kitchen and sells them to happy customers.

It all started with her own passion for beauty products. "I'm so *kikay*! I used to buy spa products from department stores but they were too harsh for me. I went back to soap and water but it wasn't enough."

Juan then discovered that a friend was selling homemade spa products. "I used to resell her products and use them, too. But when I looked at the ingredients closely, I realized that there were some things lacking. That's when I decided to make my own products."

She used the Internet for research and started experimenting. During that time, she only wanted to make the products for her own use. There were no thoughts of turning it into a business yet.

"I tested them on my brother, my husband and his friends."

When she realized that her concoctions really worked and could benefit others as well, she started e-mailing and texting her friends. This was just a month after she started experimenting. "It wasn't a surprise because they're so used to seeing me selling all sorts of things."

That's how Nature in Bottles Home Spa (NIBs) was born.

Pretty soon, orders were pouring in. Her network of clients, which started from her family and friends, has kept growing that even salons have started ordering her products.

Spa packages

Right now, Juan has a wide range of products to fit the needs of all kinds of people.

She created four spa packages but customers can buy the products separately, too. The Facial Spa package (P360) includes Walnut Cleanser Facial Scrub (P120/200ml), Cucumber Facial Toner (P100/100ml), Olive and Honey Facial Moisturizer (P100/100ml) and Lip Balm in Cherry, Spearmint or Peppermint (P80/10gms). The Hand Spa package (P342) includes Milk Hand Soak (P100/200ml), Sugar Hand Scrub (P100/200ml), Olive & Honey Hand Moisturizer (P100/200ml) and Cinnamon Nail Strengthener (P80/10gms). The Body Spa package (P486) includes Spice Bath Crystals (P120/200ml), Almond Body Scrub (P120/200ml), Olive & Honey Body Moisturizer (P100/200ml), Peppermint Body Massage Oil (P120/100ml) and Cinnamon Cooling Body Powder (P80/120ml). The Foot Spa package (P342) includes the Milk Foot Soak (P100/200ml), Sea Salt Foot Scrub (P100/200ml), Olive & Honey Foot Moisturizer (100/200ml) and Cinnamon Nail Strengthener (P80/10gms).

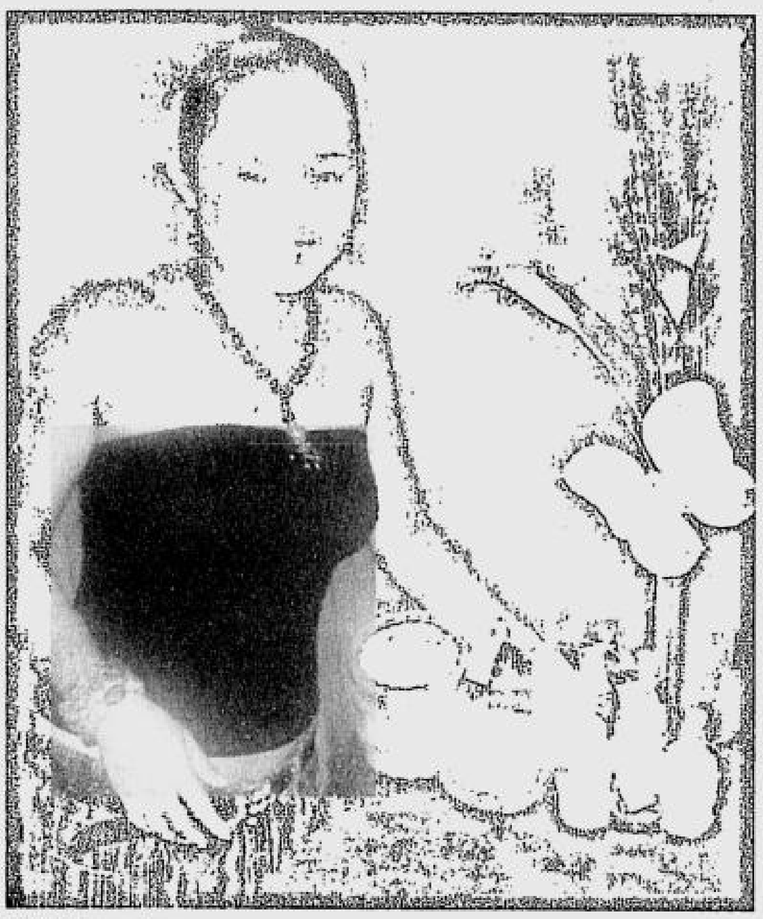
"ENJOYING the benefits of a spa need not be expensive," says Juan about her products.

After choosing the spa package they want, clients may personalize their choice by picking from a whole variety of essences. There are fruit-based essences (banana, strawberry, pineapple, melon, mango, orange, lemon); bean-based essences (coffee, chocolate, mocha, vanilla, almond, walnut); and tea-based essences (chamomile, jasmine, citronella, mint tea, wintergreen, eucalyptus, peppermint, green tea). Juan says the peppermint and strawberry essences are the most popular.

There is more to essences than just the scent. Apparently, different essences do different things for the skin and the body.

According to Juan, banana, which is rich in vitamins and minerals, is effective in removing blemishes. Chamomile is a purifying relaxant with healing properties. Cinnamon soothes sun-burnt skin and increases blood circulation. Coffee can help battle cellulite (caffeine is a major ingredient in many cellulite creams with sky-high prices). Mango gently exfoliates. Lemon is an effective cleanser. Melon can tighten and remoisturize the skin. Orange is energizing, peppermint is invigorating, strawberry can tone and soften the skin and vanilla may help induce sleep.

Knowing about these different qualities can help one in choosing the right spa products.



JEN Adams-Juan produces spa products straight from her kitchen.

She's got the whole spa in her hands

Pointers

"If you have nice skin and would just like to maintain it, choose an essence that simply continues to clarify like citronella and to nourish skin like strawberry or milk-based products," suggests Juan.

Those prone to acne have choices, too. "A combination of products and essences that cleanse like lemon, exfoliate like mango or oatmeal, whiten like oatmeal, heal like honey, milk and olive oil and moisturize like melon, almond and walnut will be suitable."

Beach bums can also use spa products. "If you have dry, flaky, sun-burnt skin, an essence that moisturizes like melon, almond or walnut and honey or milk-based products that can heal are preferable."

Spa treatments may lift the spirits of people who feel down. "If you're feeling sad and want to feel renewed, invigorating products like mint tea, eucalyptus, peppermint and green tea, refreshing products like pineapple and energizing products like orange are preferable."

And if you want to relax after a long day? "I suggest chamomile, banana, vanilla-based spa products."

Juan's products have a shelf life of three to six months. "The dry products last for a long time but the wet ones, like the scrub, have to be refrigerated."

She is currently working to make her products last longer. "There are ways to prolong shelf life but that will mean adding chemicals. I don't want to do that. I want my products to stay all-natural."

Fun business

Juan puts a lot of thought and hard work into her business. She is meticulous, even with the packaging. After her day job as an executive assistant to a trustee of the Government Service Insurance System,

she devotes the rest of her hours to her business.

Her husband, who helps her, enjoys the work, too.

"It's fun. For me that's the No. 1 factor. The earnings are just a bonus," Juan says. She is happy to be able to offer alternatives to people.

"One time, I was in a mall and I was looking at spa products. I saw a scrub that cost over P1,000. I (checked) the ingredients and was surprised to see that they used the exact same things I did."

Juan swears by the results of her products. "My skin asthma was acting up because of stress. I used my products and two days later, I was surprised that it was gone. I think that's important. I will never sell anything that I don't use myself."

Apart from spa products, Juan also sells accessories—jewelry with crystal and semi-precious stones that she makes herself.

She has a lot of plans for NIBs. "I want to give it more time, maybe have a stall in the mall. I want it to be a full-blown business. Or, if not, it can be my full-blown retirement project."

She gets a thrill from being able to share what she has with others. "Try the products with your mom, with your boyfriend, with your friends. You can use it to bond. Just enjoy them and the effects will come. Enjoying the benefits of a spa need not be expensive. Pampering one's self can be an affordable yet priceless experience."

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What dreams are and why they occur

Part I

INNER AWARENESS

Jaime T. Licauco

Dreams are important to keep our sanity and emotional balance

LET'S talk about dreams, what they are, why they occur, their importance to our life, and how to interpret them properly.

Dreams are the language of our subconscious mind. They contain our fears, hopes, frustrations, desires and aspirations. They give us vital information about ourselves, our environment and the people around us. They warn us of things that will happen in the future, as well as remind us of events that occurred in the past. But they are presented often in symbols that cannot be easily understood by our conscious mind.

Dream symbolisms are highly subjective and can be understood only within the context of the dreamer's personal life and circumstances. The same symbol will not necessarily have the same meaning for two persons who dreamed it (e.g. snake, or beach or tooth falling). There are very few universal symbols that are true for all. That's why dream dictionaries are practically useless and cannot be relied upon for a correct understanding of one's dreams. Yet I know people who rely on them.

Neither is it possible to interpret the dream of a person whose personal background, character and present issues in life we are not familiar with. That's why I find it somewhat alarming when I hear some self-proclaimed dream analyst or psychic instantly interpret the meaning of dreams of completely unknown radio or television callers without asking anything about their background.

If some of you saw me in my recent appearance on a popular morning television show on dreams, you may have noticed that I kept begging off interpreting the dreams of viewers who kept sending text messages to the studio about their dreams. What I did was explain the principles or theories behind recurrent dreams, flying dreams and certain common denominators in dreams without referring to specific persons or callers. This way, the dreamers themselves could have some basis for understanding their own dreams.

Why do we dream?

According to a study conducted by Doctors Stanley Krippner and Montague Ullmann at the Maimorides Dream Laboratory at the Maimorides Hospital in Brooklyn, New York in the '70s, everybody dreamed. Not only that, they found that a person had an average of 30 dreams in one evening, but most of these were not recalled in the waking state. Even those who said they did not dream at all were found to be dreaming like everybody else, only they did not remember their dreams.

A person dreaming produces rapid eye movement (REM) and his/her brain wave pattern differs from the pattern of a dreamless state, as registered on the electroencephalogram or EEG machine. When individuals were prevented from dreaming, for example, they were awakened whenever a dream occurred. They exhibited irritability, confusion, tension and other unpleasant behavior in the waking state. So it seems that dreams are important to keep our sanity and emotional balance.

Messages from God

Only so-called modern civilized man does not give the dreaming state the importance and attention it deserves. In contrast, almost all ancient civilizations and present day "primitive" peoples of the world have always regarded dreams as important and worthy of attention. The Old Testament of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, for example, believed that dreams contained messages from God and dream interpreters were specially revered or regarded as beloved of God. They were not ridiculed or taken for granted unlike in our modern era.

Fortunately two prominent western scientists restored to dreams the importance they rightly deserved. They were Dr. Sigmund Freud, who invented psychoanalysis, and his one-time follower, Dr. Carl Jung. They devoted a great part of their research to the meaning of dreams as a key to understanding a patient's problems and finding solutions to them. For the most part, however, the public has continued to ignore dreams. This is unfortunate because dreams can give us a real glimpse into an individual's soul.

Next week, we shall talk about a unique method of understanding or interpreting our dreams.

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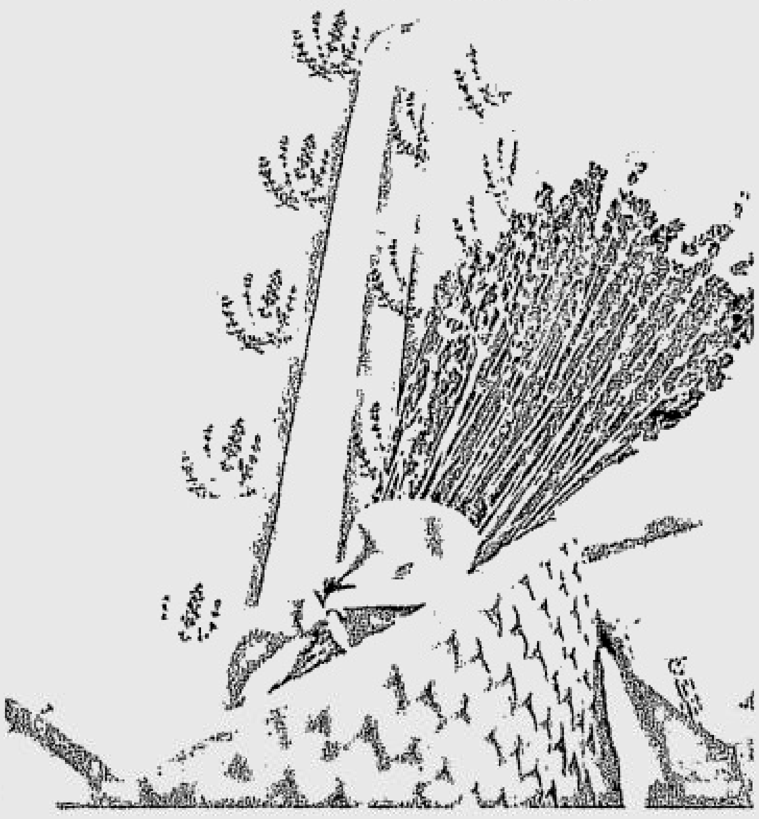

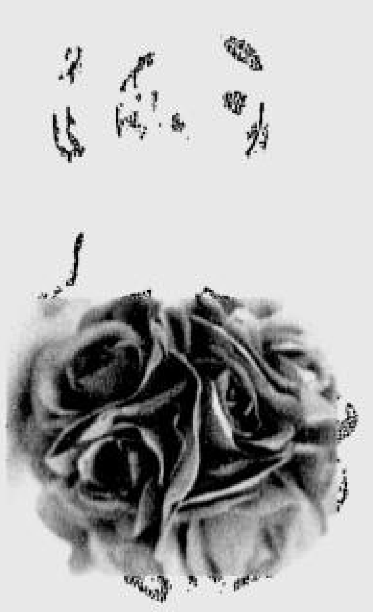

FROM antique armories to shapely claw-foot tubs, one of the trendiest looks for the bath and boudoir is that of "classic luxury." Enter Crabtree & Evelyn Lavender timeless range—with fresh drawer liners, liquid soaps and hand and body lotions in convenient pumps. All these and more selected fragrances are available at Crabtree & Evelyn shops in Greenbelt, SM Megamall and Robinsons Place Manila.

Rituals of happiness

"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."
Luke 18:17

THERE lies the secret to being happy. Be like a child. Young children have many endearing qualities, among them is trust. They believe with full faith in the positive outcome of a situation because their hearts are filled with hope.

Readers have repeatedly and fondly called this the feel-good column and have requested for tips and rituals on how to be happy, if not happier.

1. **Remove excess baggage.** Unload all your hurts, pains, frustrations and insecurities from your mind. Adopt a more positive outlook by making up your mind to flush your excesses down the toilet.

Visualize. Roll up your hurts in a white ball of light then see it flushed down. Another way to lighten your load is to literally unload. If your colon is sluggish, chances are you are constipated and irritable and have migraines.

Here's a sure-fire measure that is fat-free and easy: Mix one tbsp of C-Lium Fibre made from psylium husks, whose oil coming from the seed embryo contains 50 percent linoleic acid, which has been used to prevent arteriosclerosis (a condition affecting the arteries) and as detoxifying agent to reduce cholesterol levels in the blood.

People trying to lose weight may take this before a meal in order to eat less. Mix one tbsp in your juice before breakfast then follow with a full glass of water. Call Garsworth Marketing, Inc. at 524-6549 and 524-8146.

You will be singing your way out of the bathroom and feeling lighter indeed.

2. **Make a covenant with yourself.** You can begin with the line, "Beginning today, I will... " (Example: stop torturing myself by stocking up on chocolates and éclairs in my ref, stop talking about how happy I was 20 years ago and how miserable I am now, love myself more by doing things that will contribute to my betterment, be more useful around the house by being a better homemaker/cook or tutor to my kids, party less and exercise more. The list is endless.)

Remember, you are making a contract with yourself and your wife/husband or children, best friend or parent. Sign the covenant and honor it. If you break it, you are only cheating yourself.

3. **Cut back on sugar.** While sugar may be temptingly delicious, the instant feeling of euphoria, "sugar high." you get with every bite will be followed by a crash called "sugar low." So while it may feel good to indulge your sweet cravings, know that the low will affect your mood soon enough.

INSIDE OUT
Cory Quirino

4. **Complain less.** Try to be more mindful of your grumbling, mumbling, eyebrow-knitting ways. It's unpleasant to be around people who see everything wrong in others, the situation, even the weather. Why not start your day by seeing what's right and not what's bad?

Note: When a grumpy, unhappy, long-faced individual sits next to you, move away if you don't think you can change his/her mood. But, if you are smiling at others all the time even if you don't mean it, you will appear false and pretentious.

5. **Practice silence.** People who meditate are in better control of their emotions, moods and themselves in general. They are more discerning, centered and purposeful.

How do you embrace the silence? Lie down in a bathtub of warm water. Close your eyes. Turn off the lights. Listen to your breathing as you exhale into the water.

Unload all your hurts, pains, frustrations and insecurities and adopt a more positive outlook

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The stillness ought to calm you and the sound of your breathing will surround you. If you don't have a bath tub, sit on a chair in a quiet, darkened room. Listen to your breathing. Repeat "I am one with my breath."

Ginger warmer:

Mix one large piece of grated ginger in a hot bath. Soak yourself.

Inhale the healing vapors. Sip a mug of fresh ginger tea. Great relaxant.

6. **Grade yourself.** Get a do-good board. Each time you do something good for yourself, give yourself a star. Let's see how many stars you can accumulate in one month.

7. **Reward yourself.** You should line up your prizes in the order of challenges met. Small challenges deserve small gifts. Big ones deserve great gifts. It's up to you what those prizes are. The important thing is you rightfully earned them. Your prizes may range from a half-day in a spa, makeover at a classy salon like Frank Provost, gourmet dinner at Mandarin's Tivoli or simply a sunset stroll along the new Roxas Boulevard promenade. Yes, this is pampering because you are justly rewarding yourself.

8. **Make the mirror your friend.** Instead of looking at your reflection and noticing every imperfection, see your good attributes. Smile and greet yourself with "Hi, beautiful/handsome!"

Love and light!

Special thanks to all generous donors/friends of Tuloy Center Foundation/Rotary International's Aug. 12 luncheon benefit with Gary Valenciano, Alma Concepcion and Ara Mina. Donations reached over P600,000. God bless you!

MAKATI Rep. Teddy Boy Locsin, JVC's Dennis Salud, Gen. Edgar Aglipay, Toshinori Yokokawa, president and CEO of JVC (Phils.) Inc., Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Doni Altura and Maritoni Fernandez

The good news about badminton

PARTNERS on and off the court, JVC and IMG launched recently the 2003 JVC Badminton Open.

Graced by Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin, Jr., celebrities Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Hans Montenegro, Maritoni Fernandez, Apples Aberin, Patrick de la Rosa and Kookoo Gonzales, and hosted by Anthony Suntay, the launch drew sports VIPs and enthusiasts, including national team members Kennie and Kennevic Asuncion, who were off that evening to play in the United Kingdom; Steve Hontiveros, Romy Ribano and Doni Altura of the Philippine Olympic Committee; and Gen. Edgar Aglipay and Rod Tangatue, representing the Philippine Badminton Association.

Badminton coach Nelson Asuncion led the pack of national team players, including Jopet Co, Jenina Paredes, Chibby Velez and Alma Ledesma, who all came dressed and ready to play. They expressed their gratitude to JVC president and CEO Toshinori Yokokawa and director Dennis Salud and IMG's Princess Galura not only for hosting the event, but also for helping make badminton the Philippines' most popular sport today.

PRINCESS Galura of IMG, Anthony Suntay, Kennivic and Kennie Asuncion, Apples Aberin, Coach Nelson Asuncion and Rod Tangatue

The 2003 JVC Badminton Open runs Aug. 22-24 (Rizal Badminton Hall) and Aug. 25-31 (Glorietta Activity Center). Open events include the Elite Category, Juniors Category (under 14 and under 18), Seniors Category (35 and above), Celebrity and Corporate Events.

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A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

The Enervon Philippines Big Girls Softball Team, led by coaches Randy Dizer, Francis Carlos Diaz and Ulysses Mejia, represented the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific Region in the recent Big League Softball World Series held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, United States. The team was composed of Maica Bunag, Alexis Causapin, Dione Macasu, Rachel de Guzman, Lorraine Uy, Samantha Uichico, Amelia Cruz, Maylyn Cerilo, Sofia Borromeo, Raiya Dizer, Luisa Moran and Regina Muñoz. They are shown with Unilab product director for vitamins group Alvin So (seated) and team manager Audrey Uy at the sendoff party given by United Laboratories Inc., makers of Enervon C.

RUDY ESPERAS

Healthy and active lifestyle campaign in Davao

THE COCA-COLA Champions Basketball Clinic held recently at Ladislawa Country Club gym in Buhangin, Davao City featured some of the country's top players.

The clinic was part of the "Healthy and Active Lifestyle" (HAL) program of Coca-Cola. Endorsed by the Department of Health, HAL aims to promote a positive change in the lives of the young through a balanced diet, proper hydration and adequate physical activity.

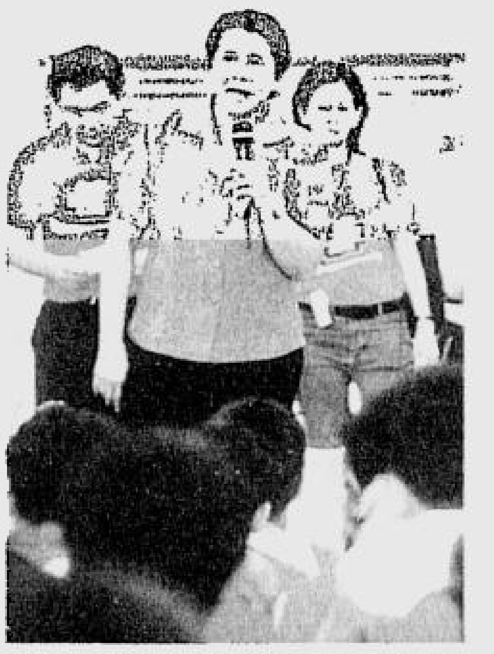
Some 200 boys and girls participated in the Davao event, which was formally opened by Dr. Dolores Castillo, DOH regional director for Southern Mindanao. It was the first Champions clinic to be held outside Manila. Also, for the first time, the clinic had a Mr./Ms HAL—a boy or a girl who epitomized the qualities of a healthy and active lifestyle—chosen among the participants.

"Last year, Coca-Cola arranged for me to come to Davao City with Johnny Abarrientos and Poch Juinio to give an hour-long clinic 'sampler.' I was impressed by the raw talent and potential of many young Davaoeños, and I'm happy to be able to give a more comprehensive clinic this time around," said Coca-Cola Tigers head coach Chot Reyes. Reyes directly handles the Champions clinic, assisted by his United States Basketball Academy-certified coaching staff and players. The clinic is the only one in the Philippines patterned after the "station-type" teaching methodology used by major basketball clinics in the US.

In Davao, Tigers Cris Bolado, Juinio and Gec Chia gave on-court mentoring on ball-handling, individual moves, rebounding, post defense and mechanics, shooting and perimeter defense. Each participant brought home an exclusive Champions clinic shirt and a certificate of completion signed by Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit.

"We are delighted to bring to Davao the Champions basketball clinic and our core message of a healthy and active lifestyle," Reyes said. "We believe we have an opportunity to bring about positive change in the lives of the young, and we are encouraged by the enthusiastic response our clinic has received in Davao, as in Manila."

ONE of the young participants



GUEST of honor Dr. Dolores Catillo, DOH regional director for Southern Mindanao

CHOT Reyes, head coach of the Coca-Cola Tigers